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Indefinite ban by miners 'would not harm economy'

By David Cross and Paul Routledge

The battle over miners' pay became more acrimonious yesterday with Mr Ian MacGregor, Chairman of the National Coal Board, claiming that the overtime ban could continue for 20 years without harming the economy and Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' president, claiming that it was "devastatingly successful".

At the same time, the coal board said that it was told by union officials that 900 men at Silverdale colliery, near Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, would be on strike at least until this afternoon.

As miners returned to work at four pits where they were idle on Monday because of a strike by union rebels, Mr MacGregor appeared on the Independent Television *News at One Programme* to say that he could not improve on the board's 5.2 per cent pay increase offer. "We have placed on the table back in October the money that we have. And there is nothing further to talk about in that regard", he said.

Asked how long he was prepared to go on seeing the overtime ban in force, Mr MacGregor said that as far as he was concerned it could go on indefinitely. "Our customers are being well served. We have some distortions in the movement of coal, but I do not have anyone who has any problems," he said.

"There was so much surplus coal in the world that the overtime ban could last 15 or 20 years before the country's coal stocks would be used up. Mr Mac Gregor said.

New moves designed to intensify the industrial action in the mining industry are expected tomorrow when leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) gather in Sheffield to determine their next step in the three-month-old pay dispute.

Despite some evidence of rank and file reaction among well paid colliery winders, the NUM insists that its 11-week overtime stoppage is having an effect.

The coal board's first and final pay offer amounts to 5.2 per cent from November 1.

In Sheffield tomorrow union leaders will have before them arguments from moderate areas that the overtime ban and the pay offer should be put to a pithead ballot of the men.

But it is not likely that the union executive will bow to pressure from the better-paid winders who want a vote to call off the limited industrial action.

The Colliery managers and the pit management union have agreed to take part in coal board talks on measures to pull the government into a joint deal that would bring fresh cash into the industry.

Mr Scargill claimed on BBC television's *Breakfast Time* programme yesterday, that the overtime ban had been spectacularly successful. "We have already lost approaching four million tonnes of coal in the mining industry and around £150m to £200m" he said. He promised that the ban on overtime would continue until the coal board returned to the negotiating table, agreed to stop closing pits an axing miners' jobs and offered a substantial pay increase.

Asked if yesterday's morning newspapers were wrong in claiming that the ban was crumbling at the edges, Mr Scargill said: "Yes, they are. In fact, if anything demonstrates the validity of our case it is the fact that we have a number of people saying 'unless we work excessive overtime we cannot live'. I think that demonstrates far more eloquently than I can how bad paid miners really are."

Mr Scargill said that it was understandable that pit winders were becoming aggrieved. He said that their situation would be rectified if miners received the kind of offers now being made in other industries.

● The trouble at Silverdale colliery continued when 320 men walked out on the afternoon shift (the Press Association writes).

A spokesman for the NUM's North Staffordshire area said that the men walked out because a winder who crossed their picket line at the weekend was operating the pit's lifting gear. The men would meet today to decide their next move.

The winders, who suspended from the union on Monday by the executive of their power group, a separate body within the NUM, for trying to defy the ban and work overtime at the weekend are to appeal.

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Miss Tisdall leaving for home after her brief appearance at Bow Street yesterday. (Photograph: Martin Mayer.)

Secrets case clerk on unconditional bail

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The Foreign Office clerk accused of leaking a confidential government memorandum on the arrival of cruise missiles to *The Guardian* was remanded on unconditional bail at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday until February 7.

Miss Sarah Tisdall, aged 23 and suspended from duties at the Foreign Office's main Whitehall building, appeared for little more than a minute, charged under Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act with passing on the memorandum last October.

She spoke only once, to tell Mr Terence Maher, the magistrate, there was no reason why she could not return to court next month.

Miss Tisdall, who lives in Clapham, south London, was not represented during the hearing but afterwards she spoke briefly to a solicitor who was in court on behalf of *The Guardian*. Later Mr Peter Preston, the newspaper's editor, said: "We intend to be as helpful as we possibly can."

Miss Tisdall, who joined the Foreign Office in 1980 and is rated as Grade 10 on the Diplomatic Service list, was charged on Monday by Det Chief Supt Ronald Hardy. Mr Hardy, of Scotland Yard's serious crime squad, investigated the leak after *The Guardian* was forced by the High Court to return the memorandum.

The memorandum, classified as secret, was written by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, to the Prime Minister, naming the day for the arrival of cruise at Greenham Common and discussing publicity for the missiles.

A copy sent to the newspaper was used for a report on October 31 and after hearings of legal argument in December it was returned to government representatives.

After her appearance Miss Tisdall was reported to be travelling to her family's home at Plymstock, near Plymouth. Both her parents are doctors and her father is a local general practitioner.

The family are known locally as quiet people, although they appeared four years ago in a BBC Television quiz programme.

● Dr Michael Tisdall scuffled with cameramen outside his home yesterday.

He had arrived to find his gate half-closed. He told photographers to open the gate but as they continued to take pictures he tried to push a television camera away.

He pulled a hood over the camera lens but as it continued to film he turned to newspaper photographers. He shouted: "If you want to take my picture you must ask permission first."

He grappled with pressmen, opened the gate, returned to his car still shouting at pressmen and sped up the drive.

Thatcher faces Tory uprising on rate-capping

By [illegible], Local Government Correspondent

[illegible] Conservative opposition to the Government's "rate-capping" powers [illegible] yesterday after [illegible] by the [illegible] on Monday.

The [illegible] of County [illegible] is dominated [illegible], appealed to [illegible] against the [illegible] Commons next week.

[illegible], chairman of the [illegible] and a Conservative [illegible] of East Sussex County Council, said yesterday that the powers to curb all councils was the worst [illegible] bill and that the more [illegible] selective power was "[illegible]".

He was one of 13 Conservative councillors who met the Prime Minister on Monday. He then refused to comment on the councillors' opposition to the rate plans and quickly dropped a plan to be interviewed on [illegible].

But yesterday he told Sir Robin Day on BBC Radio's *The World at One* that his association had voted by 95 to 2 to oppose the Government's approach and would abide by its policy. The Bill would give Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, powers well beyond those which he has now and which all impinge on the autonomy of local authorities to take decisions about the level and quality of services delivered locally to the community".

Mr Lovill hoped that there would be strong opposition to the Bill in the Commons and especially in the Lords.

Mr Reginald Prentice, the former Labour minister who is now Conservative MP for Daventry, yesterday joined the gathering parade of Conservatives who oppose "rate-capping". He hoped that the Government's majority next week would be sufficiently low to persuade it to recast the Bill.

"A Cabinet containing hardly anyone with local authority experience is riding roughshod over the view of experienced councillors throughout Britain", Mr Prentice told his constituency Conservative association by [illegible].

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Home Secretary, said Conservative councillors faced "an ugly outbreak of arm-twisting by the Tory Cabinet", and Mr Jack Straw, a junior Labour spokesman on the environment, said ministers had given wildly differing accounts of the impact of rate demands on business.

The Department of the Environment publicly replied that rates equalled an eighth of busines profits, but less than a fortnight earlier it had said in a private letter leaked by Labour MPs that they equalled half of profits.

Mr Straw demanded from Mr Jenkin "an explanation of the way in which you have fiddled your figures to suit your case". A department official sid the high figure was calculated after providing for depreciation and the low one before.

Four London borough treasurers claimed yesterday that London's rate bill could be cut by at least £274m if the Greater London Council was abolished immediately.

The Treasurers work for the Conservative-led borough councils of Westminster, Bromley, Wandsworth and Kensington and Chelsea. They were supported by Lady Porter, leader of Westminster Council, who said: "The GLC is an unnecessary tier of local government in London leading to waste, duplication and inefficiency".

Mr John McDonnell, chairman of the GLC's finance committee, called treasurers' report "a hotch-potch of hypothetical crystal-ball figures based on all sorts of unrealistic assumptions".

'Efficient' council faces penalty

The Conservative-controlled Essex County Council, which was congratulated by Mr Jenkin for running a "tight ship" said yesterday that it would be unable to meet next year's Government spending targets and was planning to levy an extra 3p in the pound to cover an expected £7.3m government penalty (the Press Association reports).

The Government set Essex a spending target of £473.5m, but the council estimates it needs to spend £480m to maintain

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Chesterfield complaints of pressure

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China friendship with US hailed

Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister, told President Reagan in Washington friendship between China and the US was an important factor towards world peace Page 4

Jail riot ends

A riot at Peterhead maximum security jail near Aberdeen ended when 12 prisoners surrendered after a rooftop protest. Prisoners had occupied a hall and started fires Page 2

Britoil order

Britoil, the former state oil corporation, has placed £30m order for part of an oil rig platform with an American-owned yard, McDermott, at Ardersier, near Inverness Page 15

Lagos deadline

Nigeria's new military regime has given today as the deadline for leaders of six former opposition parties to report to the police or be arrested Soldier-poet, page 7

Badger cruelty

A poacher ordered to pay £1,085 after killing and ill-treating badgers was tracked down by a wildlife protection group which received information from other hunters Page 3

Abbey reprieve

The break up of the Calke Abbey estate was delayed after the Government promised to consider easing the owner's £10m tax burden Page 3

Faithful football

Football must rise above cheating and retain its faith in human nature, Jacques Georges, president of UEFA, said in his opening address in Paris Page 18

Briton died in Soviet gas blast

From Richard Owen Moscow

A British engineer died when inflammable fluid exploded on the controversial East-West gas pipeline, diplomatic and business sources confirmed last night.

[The dead man was named last night as Mr John Blackadder, aged 52, who was employed by a Warrington based firm and on contract to the American multinational Dresser Industries. He died on October 16 at Usinsk, a small town inside the Artic Circle, where he had been working for about four weeks.

In a statement last night, Dresser denied that Mr Blackadder had been working on the East-West gas pipeline and said the accident happned in an air injection system at a compressor station.]

The disclosure of the tragedy came as sharp disagreements surfaced in Moscow over Soviet claims that the pipeline, which runs from Urengoi in Siberia to Western Europe, had been completed ahead of time and was delivering gas to France. The Russians have been eager to show that they could complete the project despite American sanctions, but Western businessmen involved in the pipeline construction say Soviet engineers have cut corners and the pipeline is not completely safe.

The Moscow office of Dresser declined to comment on the death of the engineer last October. The firm's Moscow representative is in the United States for consultations and is not expected back until the end of the month.

Sources said the explosion took place at a compressor station. Western firms including Dresser, John Brown of Britain and the West German firm Mannesman are supplying gas turbines and the compressor stations to house them.

The Soviet media reported on January 1 that the "first cubic metres" had arrived in France via the Siberian-European pipeline, but business sources expressed profound scepticism, noting that only one of the 41 compressor stations along the 2,800-mile pipeline was in working order and some had not yet been constructed.

Sources said Soviet employees were injured in the October explosion and suffered burns.

On October 19 *Izvestia* reported an explosion at a section of the pipeline near the town of Sizran on the Volga. The explosion occurred when a bus driver started his engine near a badly-welded joint, igniting leaking gas, it is not clear whether this was the incident in which the British engineer died. *Izvestia* saiid seven construction workers had been punished, suggesting there were casualties.

Hopes dashed for loan rates cut

By Frances Williams and Peter Wilson-Smith

Any remaining glimmer of hope for an early fall in interest rates was extinguished yesterday with the news that money growth accelerated last month to hit the top of its permitted range. But a sharp, although, probably temporary, setback for the dollar on world currency markets took some pressure off the pound, after it fell to a record low of $1.3860 overnight.

After plumbing a new record now of $1.3860 in the Far East, sterling clambered back to $1.4070 before closing 35 points lower on the day at $1.4015. Although a little weaker against European currencies, the pound's trade-weighted index closed 0.1 up at 81.8.

The main target measure of money, sterling M3, which consists of cash in circulation and bank current accounts, rose by 1.25 per cent in the four weeks to mid-December, according to provisional estimates from the Bank of England.

This brings its rise since last February at an annual rate to 11 per cent, the upper target limit. The other two money measures already above the permitted band.

The poor money figures are not, however, expected to presage higher interest rates. Bank officials stressed that the latest figurer were particularly unreliable, because a longer than usual banking month had made it difficult to adjust for seasonal variation.

The Treasury also appeared anxious to defuse fears of higher rates, pointing out that in the past six months sterling M3 has risen by only 7.9 per cent at an annual rate, compared with a lower target limit of 7 per cent.

The repid growth of the money supply last month appears to be largely due to high bank lending, mostly to the personal sector, which may have totalled as much as £1,500m compared with £900m the month before. Many analysts believe that bank lending is likely to pick up this year as companies borrow to finance expansion, putting the Government's monetary targets at risk.

The medium-term financial strategy envisages a tightening of money growth to 6 to 10 per cent in the next target period.

In a day of violent gyrations on the foreign exchange markets, the dollars ascent came to an abrupt halt. After hitting a 10-year peak in early Far East trading of DM2.85 against the Deutsche mark, the usual benchmark, the dollar met a wave of heavy selling in European markets.

Further intervention by the German central bank helped fuel the bout of profit-taking. The dollar tumbled as low as DM2.8020 but as calm returned it recovered slightly to close just over 1.5 pfennigs down at DM2.8140, and dealers were still predicting further advances.

Beirut a priority when Shultz meets Thatcher

Lebanon and the future of the multinational peacekeeping force are likely to top the agenda when Mr George Shultz, US Secretary of State, meets Mrs Margaret Thatcher at Downing Street on Sunday (Henry Stanhope writes).

Mr Shultz will be on his way to Stockholm, for the Conference on Disarmament in Europe.

Last night, sources said Sunday's talks would be wide-ranging, not confined to the Middle East.

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Husain taken ill after installing new government

From Christopher Walker Amman

King Husain of Jordan was admitted to hospital here last night, suffering from a bleeding ulcer. He had shortly before sworn in a new Cabinet

His condition was described as good.

A sweeping reshuffle of the Government was announced last night to coincide with the reconvening of Parliament.

The new Prime Minister is Mr Ahmad Obeidat, aged 45.

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Nuclear plant to sue Greenpeace again

By Our Political Editor

British Nuclear Fuels is taking further legal action against the ecological group Greenpeace, which was last month fined £50,000 for contempt of court after refusing to give an undertaking not to tamper with the discharge of waste from the Sellafield (former Windscale) nuclear plant in Cumbria.

A spokesman for British Nuclear Fuels, which manages the Sellafield plant, said yesterday that it was seeking to have a temporary injunction granted in November made permanent. The application is to be heard by a judge in chambers tomorrow.

The renewal of the dispute between Greenpeace and the company has attracted interest among MPs because of the Government's announcement last month that it may be prosecuted under the Radioactive Substances Act, 1960, for allowing abnormal discharges from Sellafield.

The company spokesman said that the past history of Greenpeace, whose members have said that their aim is to stop all discharge of confidence.

Mr Peter Wilkinson, a director of Greenpeace, yesterday complained that the hearing would be in private. The "hole-and-corner approach" was typical of the way the company sought to stifle opposition, he said. Greenpeace would fight to rescind the injunction and to force a hearing in public.

Security main issue in Prior's Dublin talks

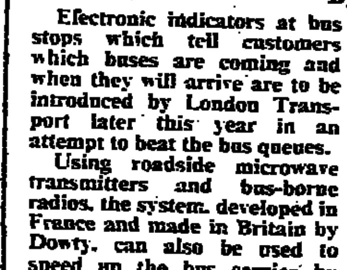
Security, following the recent spate of violent incidents in both parts of Ireland and in Britain, was the main item on the agenda when Mr James Prior, the Northern Ireland Secretary, arrived unexpectedly in Dublin yesterday afternoon for talks with Mr Michael Noonan, the Irish Justice Minister.

No details were issued after the meeting but it is understood that closer cooperation along the border was the chief matter under discussion.

● An Ulster policeman was shot dead in a terrorist ambush last night as he came off duty.

The man a full-time member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve Force, was shot in his car at a roundabout at Newry, County Down. He was on his way home from Warrenpoint police station about five miles away.

Talking bus stops for London



By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Electronic indicators at bus stops which tell customers which buses are coming and when they will arrive are to be introduced by London Transport later this year in an attempt to beat the bus queues.

Using roadside microwave transmitters and bus-borne radios, the system, developed in France and made in Britain by Dowty, can also be used to speed up the bus service by giving priority at traffic lights, and feeding information to a central control on where buses are.

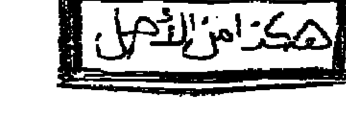
In three years' operations at Nice, the system has produced a "dramatic increase in public confidence in the bus system" and a 7 per cent rise in the number of passengers, Dowty said yesterday.

It is now being installed in Antwerp, Brussels, and Los Angeles. Several British cities besides London are interested in an experimental installation.

The bus-stop indicators, which cost about £700 each, tell passengers which buses of the routes serving that stop are on the way, and how long each will take to arrive. They do this either by a coloured light display, or by digitized voice announcements.

Mr Brian Oliver, London Transport's bus systems engineering chief, said yesterday: "We are very interested in improving passenger information, and will be conducting detailed investigations this summer.

"If people know when the bus will come, they do not have to wait around at the bus stop long.



Chesterfield selection committee alleges 'heavy mob' pressure

From Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent, Chesterfield

Members of the Chesterfield Labour Party selection committee, the 125-strong group which next Sunday picks the party candidate for the March by-election, have complained of "heavy mob" pressure being put on them.

Most sources agree that the contest will be between Mr Wedgwood Benn, on the left, and Mr philip Whitehead, centry right; two experienced politicians who lost their seats in the general election last June.

It is also widely believed that there is little between the two men at the moment, in terms of votes, on the general committee which makes the final decision, and their supporters thererfore have everything to play for in attracting floating voters and winning defections.

The complaints are being levelled particular against the more exuberant supporters of one of the runners on the six-man shortlist.

It was alleged yesterday, for example, that "extremely coercive telephone calls" had been placed to some general committee members.

Mr Terry Hawkins, Chesterfield party vice-president, who is in charge of the selection procedure, said last night that he would not tolerate any such interference with the democratic process.

He said: "I would take stern action against anyone trying to intimidate anybody else on the general committee."

Another pressure which is causing concern in the Chesterfield party is publicity. It was agreed by last Sunday's general commmittee meeting that all six candidates should be asked to cease campaigning for selection.

It was decided that none of he candidates should speak to the press or seek publicity which might influence the general committee and that the only communication should be a leaflet which would outline the career of each candidate.

But Mr Benn is due to address a Labour Party meeting in Wingerworth, just beyone the southern edge of the constituency, tonight.

Mr Walter Brown, Labour's assistant national agent and the national executive's official with responsibility for the selection, said yesterday: "There is nothing we can do about meetings outside the constituency."

He said he had been told that the Wingerworth meeting had been arranged last September, well before Mr Eric Varley had announced his intended resignation from Parliament.

...Hawkins said that an- ...meeting, to be held at the ...shire mineworkers' head- ...ers in Chesterfield on ... had also been arranged ... Mr Varley's resignation.

... Benn and Mr Clifford, the ...nal Union of Minework- ... nominee for Sunday's ...ion, are both due to ...ess the Derbyshire Miners ...ents' Association on the ... of the mining industry at ... meeting and Mr Benn's ...ers insist that this has ...ing to do with the by-elec-...

Some of Mr Benn's op-...ents express the strongest ...ticism about that. They ... that in spite of Mr Benn's ...ility to the media, he is ...emely adept at attracting ...licity and his campaign ...agers are expected to use ... meetings to fullest advan-...

The other pressure is more ...ectly political. Mr Benn's ...pporters are arguing that it is ...essary to have a man of his ...litical stature back in the ...ouse of Commons and the ... that Mr Neil Kinnock, the ...rty leader, has called him "an ...set" can be cited as evidence ... that.

Certainly, Mr Benn's absence ...om the Commons has left the ...called firm left leaderless

Tory candidate fought in 1983

From Our Correspondent
Chesterfield

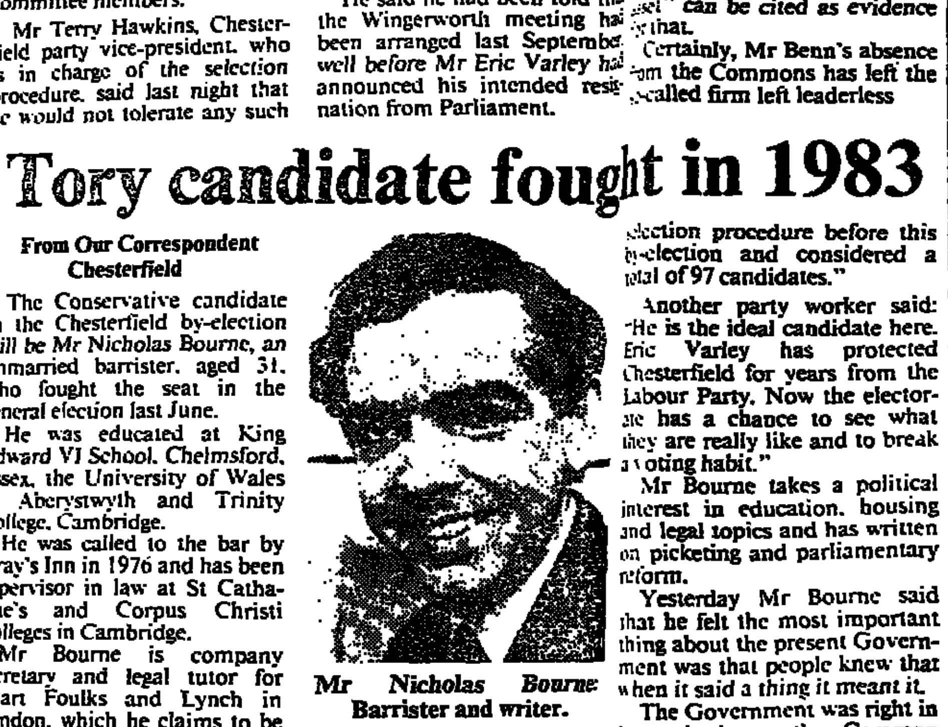
The Conservative candidate in the Chesterfield by-election will be Mr Nicholas Bourne, an unmarried barrister, aged 31, who fought the seat in the general election last June.

He was educated at King Edward VI School, Chelmsford, Essex, the University of Wales in Aberystwyth and Trinity College, Cambridge.

He was called to the bar by Gray's Inn in 1976 and has been supervisor in law at St Catharine's and Corpus Christi Colleges in Cambridge.

Mr Bourne is company secretary and legal tutor for Chart Foulks and Lynch in London, which he claims to be the oldest correspondence course organization in Britain.

When Mr Bourne fought Mr Eric Varley in the 1983 general election, on virtually unchanged boundaries, he brought Mr Varley's majority down from 13,404 to 7,763.



Mr Nicholas Bourne: Barrister and writer.

Mr Bourne worked hard in the Chesterfield constituency, even after the general election. His agent said: "He never dropped the division, like so many do, and was very popular with party workers. Even so, they went through the full selection procedure before this by-election and considered a total of 97 candidates."

Another party worker said: "He is the ideal candidate here. Eric Varley has protected Chesterfield for years from the Labour Party. Now the electorate has a chance to see what they are really like and to break a voting habit."

Mr Bourne takes a political interest in education, housing and legal topics and has written on picketing and parliamentary reform.

Yesterday Mr Bourne said that he felt the most important thing about the present Government was that people knew that when it said a thing it meant it.

The Government was right in its attitude to the Common Market and in demanding that Britain's rebate should be paid.

And which of the six Labour candidates would Mr Bourne prefer to fight? "Its largely irrelevant. We are going to win."

Metro fitted with new safety tyre

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Austin Rover's Metro, the best selling small car in Britain for the past two years, will be the first in the world to be fitted with a new high performance safety tyre developed by Dunlop and Michelin.

The TDXE will appear on updated Metros now arriving in showrooms. They are being manufactured at Fort Dunlop, Birmingham, and by Michelin in Dundee. But Dunlop will supply all special wheels which have been developed from the fast-disappearing Denovo-run flat tyre.

Michelin said yesterday that since 1977 only drivers of high-performance cars had been able to enjoy the better grip, improved braking, higher milage and more comfortable ride of its low-profile TRX tyres. These advantages were available to the family motorist, with the added advantage of new development to prevent a tyre leaving the rim after a burst. It can be driven at up to 40 mph in this condition for a limited distance.

An uprated tdx version will be fitted to Jaguar's XJ14 lightweight saloon when it is launched, probably early next year. Porche and BMW are also buying it

Michelin and Dunlop have taken the unusual step of lifting patent restrictions on the new tyre and wheel system in the hope that other tyre manufacturers will be persuaded to join them.

In this way they hope to overcome the reluctance of car manufacturers to be tied to a monopoly supplier. (The Denovo suffered in this way.)

There are two new models in the 1984 Metros, a limited edition 1.3 Moritz and a 1-litre City X, replacing the standard Metro.

The 1983 prices are being held across the range, except for the Moritz which costs £4.325 and comes equipped with a ski jacket and holdall to match its metallic silver or monza red paintwork. Only 2,000 will be made.

Journalists intensify BBC threat

By a Staff Reporter

The BBC came closer to losing some of its news and current affairs programmes yesterday when journalists at Lime Grove, west London, voted for stoppages from Monday over new technology.

Talks are due to restart at Acas, the arbitration service, today. The National Union of Journalists has offered to go to binding arbitration, but the BBC has refused.

Journalists at Lime Grove, which produces Sixty Minutes, Breakfast Time, Newsnight and Panorama, voted 69-9 for industrial action if the dispute remains unresolved. The action could black out any BBC news

The union wants arbitration because a similar move at Independent Television News resulted in the company offering more than 2 per cent in return for the introduction of computer newsgathering.

● British Airways engineering and maintenance staff at Heathrow are threatening lightning strikes over the airline's pay offer, which could disrupt flights this week.

Print union blamed for closure of company

By Mark Rosselli

A newspaper that represented a breakthrough in the use of computer technology in the newspaper industry was closed last night. The former managing director blamed the National Graphical Association (NGA) for its demise.

Motorcycling Weekly was one of several titles published by Coastal Press, which ceased trading last night. The tabloid, which was aimed at motorcycling enthusiasts, had lasted only six weeks. Its first issue had been produced using direct entry, or single key stroking, by which journalists write copy and send it directly to the presses using computer terminals.

Newspaper proprietors have been trying unsuccessfully to introduce direct entry for years, as it is both faster and cheaper than other typesetting methods. But it has been vigorously opposed by the print unions, led by the NGA, who fear that new technology could largely eliminate the traditional printer.

National officials of the NGA intervened after the newspaper's first issue, overruling a working agreement on direct entry made between the union's London branch and Mr Bill Thomson, managing director of Coastal Press.

Last night, Mr Thomson said: "We then had to return to double key stroking, and we found ourselves being forced into taking on additional NGA staff. I was presented with a situation where I had no alternative but to recruit more NGA staff, double the amount we actually needed to produce the journal.

Motorcycling Weekly, despite weekly sales of more than 35,000, suffered heavy financial losses. In six weeks it overran its target budget of £60,000 by more than £32,000.

Mr Thomson claimed that the costs of paying salaries and overtime to extra unnecessary NGA staff were largely to blame.

Announcing the closure, which has caused the loss of 34 jobs, Mr Thomson said that the breakdown of the original understanding with the NGA had resulted in the loss of several printing contracts, and had discouraged the company's financial backers.

Last night NGA officials could not be contacted for any comment.

Riot at Pithead Jail

£220 pit rebels are a race apart

By Rupert Morris

The North Staffordshire winders, whose unprecedented strike on Monday made 6,000 miners idle and embarrassed the union leadership, consider themselves to be a race apart.

They are isolated not so much by their position at the top of the miners' earnings league but by the nature of their job. They spend their shift inside a glass cubicle handling the levers and dials which control the lifts in which miners travel to and from their work.

Almost their only communication is with the banksman who ushers people in and out of the cage and gives signals to the winder in his cubicle.

"It is a boring job," Mr Charles Lockett, aged 36, who has been a winder at Holditch colliery for six years, says. He took it because we were guaranteed "six shifts".

At £22.18 a shift, £2 more than the basic surface wage with the six shifts at time and a half, that comes to about £145 a week. On top of that come incentive bonuses and extra overtime which take his weekly earnings to between £180 and £220, take-home pay of between £120 and £140.

His last pay slip, without the sixth shift, or any other overtime, was for £123.10 before tax, £83.50 after tax.

Mr Lockett says that he and his colleagues refused to join an overtime ban in the winter of 1982 and they did not suffer any recriminations then. They have an agreement with the National Coal Board to work six shifts a week and now they were being asked by their own union to break that agreement.

Mr Lockett, who lives at Wolstanton Road, Chesterton, and his colleagues feel they are having to pay the price for an overtime ban that the majority of the union does not want. That is why are insisting on a ballot.

Mr Lockett is a quietly self-confident man who talks in a matter-of-fact way about his attitude to the job. He lives in a council house with his wife Linda, who earns about £40 a week knitting and doing occasional cleaning jobs, and their two children Stephen, aged 17, who is an apprentice garage hand, and Karen, aged 15.



Mr Lockett: "I doubt Scargill's motives."

They live comfortably. He drives an Austin Princess and his main indulgence is photography, for which he has his own dark room. Their stereo was paid for out of Mrs Lockett's earnings.

When he was a lorry driver Mr Lockett did not join a union. He joined the NUM only because it was obligatory when he took the job with the coal board. His loyalty is to the winders' branch, not to the union.

"I doubt Arthur Scargill's motives," he says. "I think a lot of the union leaders' aims are just political."

Joseph backs school economics lessons

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

A unit to promote the teaching of economics in schools was opened yesterday by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science. He said children should be given economic awareness and understanding.

As it was they knew little about the economic facts of life, he told a gathering at London University's Institute of Education, where the new unit, the first of its kind, will be housed. "I hope the unit will bear in mind the ultimate simplicities, that there is a link between decentralized ownership and decentralized decision-making which is, after all, what we mean by free enterprise and capitalism, what I call freedom."

The minister, who was opening the economics research and curriculum unit funded by a grant from the Banking Information Service, added that free enterprise and capitalism were, like democracy, the least bad methods yet invented for running a free society.

Sir Keith, whose remarks are likely to cause concern in education circles, said he did not want economics to be taught as a subject in schools. It should be allied to political understanding, he said, and should take human nature into account.

When he visited schools, he asked to be left with the sixth form, he said. A question he invariably asked was where jobs came from. "They are generally a vociferous lot but they do not have an answer to that.

"I would like there to be some understanding of the processes of economics in a free society, which is why I am here today."

Professor Denis Lawton, the institute's director, said it was most important for the universities to have freedom to teach what they thought best from a professional point of view, "not marxist economics or monetarist economics, not a condemnation of banks, nor a justification of them, but economic literacy, plain and simple, free from indoctrination or bias."

● Secondary school headteachers have welcomed Sir Keith's speech in Sheffield in which he called for changes in examinations and the curriculum.

They say that for the first time he has admitted the difficulties faced by schools and they welcome this "marked change of tone".

'Seberg' to end run early

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The National Theatre's ill-fated musical of the life of Jean Seberg is to close in April, months earlier than expected.

The theatre was anxious to quell rumours that the show was failure, but its early demise after six months is in contrast to the National production which will take its place in the Olivier, Guys and Dolls.

That award-winning production is to play at the theatre where it broke box office records for three months before transferring to a West End run which seems certain to make it one of the most successful NT shows ever.

Jean Seberg, with music by Marvin Hamlisch and a script by an American, Julian Barry, was affected by production difficulties even before it opened. David Ryall, who took the role of J Edgar Hoover, broke an ankle and had to be replaced by Michael Bryant, forcing the theatre to play 22 previews before a press night which attracted dismal reviews.

"The previews had regular standing ovations and packed audiences, and then after the notices, alas, the audience fell off," an NT spokesman said yesterday. "The production has drawn only half to two third full houses since, which is not considered enough to sustain a run beyond April."

Access acts against forgeries

By David Cross

Access, the credit card company, is to introduce a redesigned plastic card in the spring which it claims will be almost impossible to forge.

The secret of the revamped card will be the addition on the front of a hologram logo which should be impossible to imitate. The hologram, which is a three-dimensional picture etched by a laser beam, will consist of the letters MC against the background of a globe.

Access said last night that the purpose of the hologram was to pre-empt the possibility of a rash of counterfeit cards. Forged credit cards were a big problem in the United States.

It is expected to take two years for all 6,800,000 British Access cardholders to be given the new redesigned cards. From March 1, all new members and those with expired cards would be entitled to the new card. Initially, they will have to be imported from the United States because hologram technology is still in its infancy in this country.

Designers say bridge not unsafe

By Tim Jones

As political pressure mounts in South Wales and the West Country for a second crossing of the Severn, the company which designed the existing bridge has replied to "derisory and ill-informed" criticism that has fuelled fear that the structure is unsafe.

Mr William Austin, a partner in the firm of Freeman Fox and Partners, said: "No part of the structure is showing signs of distress from overloading as the public have been misled into believing. The bridge is in good condition and quite able to carry the traffic so vital to developments in South Wales."

His company believes that Mott, Hay and Anderson, joint engineers when the bridge was built, had made wrong assumptions when it said in a report that the bridge could collapse under certain conditions.

Mr Austin said that by the turn of the century traffic growth–may mean that asecond crossing is required. "With the present periods needed to plan such a facility, the study for a crossing should soon be undertaken so that the lines of suitble approach roads can be safeguarded against development."

Next month a delegation representing local authorities from both sides of the river, businessment and trade unionists is travelling to London to meet Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport.

Last night the Department of Transport said it could not comment on Mr Austin's remarks.

EEC agriculture: 3

The case against dropping CAP

In the third and final article on farmers in the EEC, correspondents of *The Times* in other European capitals look at the question of whether the common agricultural policy can and should be reformed, or simply abolished altogether. Edited by John Young.

It was recently reported that members of the right-wing Adam Smith Institute had been invited to the Foreign Office to discuss possible changes in British foreign policy. There is no sign, however, that the Treasury, the Minister of Agriculture or, for that matter, the Foreign Office is similarly keen to hear the institute's views on the EEC.

What these libertarian free-market economists and their parliamentary champion, Mr Richard Body, Conservative MP for Holland with Boston, want is nothing less than the wholesale dismantling of the Common Agricultural Policy.

The report which they published last November also advocated the abolition of several British institutions which long predate the EEC, such as the marketing boards.

It is a view which finds echoes across the political spectrum. Last month, for example, the Socialist Countryside Group also published a report claiming that public investment in farming was unfair and expensive and did not produce what the public wanted.

The common ground shared by left and right is opposition to the CAP, which is seen to put unneccessarily large sums of money into the wrong pockets, at the expense of consumers and taxpayers, who are paying twice over in the form of higher food prices and subsidies for surpluses bought into intervention and either stored in "mountains" or sold at a loss.

Food industry representatives repeatedly claim they are being squeezed between high raw material costs and the centralized purchasing power of their most important customers, the supermarket chains.

However, the superficially attractive notion that it would be in Europe's interests to dismantle the CAP, and to put its food on world markets at the cheapest prices available, has several important flaws.

The first may be described as strategic. Whatever the CAP's failings, it has boosted self-sufficiency.

Memories of Britain's dependence for its survival on the Atlantic convoys during the Second World War should be enough to make governments dubious about excessive reliance on overseas supplies.

Secondly, it is open to question whether a cheap food policy is altogether a good thing.

The various agencies which try to relieve famine in the Third World are agreed that, apart from the weather, the biggest problem faced by farmers in underdeveloped countries is their inability to earn a decent return on cash crops, forcing them to return to subsistence cultivation and starving their fellow countrymen of indigenous food supplies.

Western Europe is blessed with a notably fertile soil and climate and, as its industrial preeminence wanes, its agricultural productivity may well come to be seen as a boon rather than an embarrassment.

Thirdly, it would be politically impossible for EEC govenments to abandon their farmers and to face the further rural decline and depopulation that would ensue.

In West Germany, the EEC member state which along with Britain has the gravest reservations about the CAP, the Christian Democratic Government draws much of its strength from the farmers of Bavaria and the south.

If abandonment of the CAP is impossible, however, its reform is none the less imperative. Even the main French farmers' union, the FNSEA, grudgingly concedes as much.

The Commission's preferred method of dealing with the dairy surplus is a so-called superlevy of about 70p a gallon on all milk production which exceeds 1981 levels.

The Government of the Irish Republic claims it would mean the ruin of its vitally important dairy industry, and has said it will veto the proposal; moreover, Northern Ireland farmers have said that, if the republic is exempted from the levy, they must have a similar concession.

It would be a bitter irony if reform of the CAP foundered on, of all things, the Irish question.

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Peterhead prisoners surrender after riot

A riot at Peterhead maximum security prison near Aberdeen ended yesterday when 12 inmates surrendered after a rooftop protest.

At one point 56 prisoners occupied A hall in the jail. Forty-four were removed after staff wearing helmets and carrying shields stormed the building.

Staff managed to talk four men down from the roof just after 2 pm, and the other eight followed just over an hour later. Officers had made conditions uncomfortable by training two hoses on the roof.

The violence erupted at 10 pm on Monday after a recreation period. The prisoners evicted staff from the hall and barricaded themselves in. Several fires were started.

The rest of the prison, which houses 300 of Scotland's toughest criminals, was reported quiet. An inquiry is to be held.

Last night the governor, Mr Alfred Smith, said that the prisoners had given no indication of why they had started the riot.

He added: "Conditions are not the cause of this or any riot. Here we have a lot of long-term prisoners. It is inevitable that among them there will be men who are not prepared to serve their sentence. Obviously this thing had been preplanned."

He said that the prison hall was no longer usable and prisoners had been transferred to other parts of the jail.

Peterhead's A hall has a reputation for trouble. Fifteen officers were injured last October when prisoners rioted, using makeshift weapons. The officers had tried to break up a fight between two prisoners.

In May, 1982, four officers were injured after being attacked by seven prisoners and in 1979 there was a riot which lasted four days, when 31 prisoners went on to the roof in protest at what they described as "inhuman conditions". There have been three other sizable disturbances since 1977.

After the riot in 1979 a special unit was set up at Peterhead, but it has done little to solve the prison's problems.

Morning Star bids for work

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

The cooperative which owns the Communist Morning Star is seeking printing work.

Management is spending at least £850,000 on new equipment and rebuilding a press room which will reduce the Morning Star to a tabloid, like The Sun and the Daily Mirror, and open the way to commercial contracts.

Ms Mary Rosser, chief executive of the newspaper and secretary to the management committee of the People's Press Printing Society, which owns the Star, said the decision was dictated by business logic. "As a cooperative society we would like to print for the labour movement, but we also have to save the 200 jobs in the building."

She said that the facilities would be open to anyone, providing the price was right and they did not want to produce "racialist or fascist" material.

Despite the contention of the Star yesterday that the idea was about ten years in gestation, the decision marks a significant divergence from communist orthodoxy.

The new press, a British-made Urbanite Mark 2 representing the latest technology, according to the Star, will be financed partly by the offer of £100,000 of shares in the PPPS.

A leasing deal has also been negotiated with manufacturers Goss, of Preston.

● Mr Derek Jameson resigned as editor of the News of the World yesterday, just weeks before the newspaper is due to go tabloid.

Mr Nicholas Lloyd, editor of the Sunday People, will replace him. Mr Lloyd, former assistant editor of the News of the World and The Sun, will mastermind a new design for the newspaper.

Mr Jameson, aged 54, who was appointed editor two years ago, has, according to its parent company, News International, resigned to pursue other interests.

Chess struggle fiercer

From Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent, Hastings

As we near the closing stages on the Ace Grandmaster Tournament, at Hastings, the struggle becomes even fiercer – but the home players are still much to the fore.

The leader of the tournament, Speelman adjourned his game after a hard struggle against Ftacnik with a pawn down.

Jonathan Mestel gained the lead by winning in good style against Csom.

Hebden endeavoured to break the hold Karlsson exerted over the game by violent means, but these merely precipitated the end.

Scores at the end of round 12: Mestel 8; Speelman 7½ and one adjourned; Karlsson 7½; Hebden 6½; Martin and Suba 6 and one adjourned; Csom 6; Ftacnik 5½ and one adjourned; Short 5½; Kudrin 5 and one adjourned; Ivanov and Sax 5; Gurevich 4; Alburt 3 and one adjourned.

Round 12 results: Alburt adjourned against Suba, QP Catalan system 41 moves; Ftacnik adjourned against Speelman, Queen's Gambit declined 40; Ivanov ½, Sax ½, QP Nimzoindian Defence, 11; Martin adjourned against Kudrin, QP Benoi Defence, 45; Karlsson 1, Hebden 0, English Opening 37; Mestel 1, Csom 0, Sicilian Defence 33; Short 1, Gurevich 0, Sicilian Defence 38.

Adjourned games results round 11: Gurevich 0, Mestel 1, 64; Csom 1, Karlsson 0, 46; Hebden 1, Martin 0, 73; Sax 1, Ftacnik 0, 54.

Poacher ordered to pay £1,085 for killing and ill-treating badgers

By Craig Seton

A "cunning" poacher who was ordered yesterday to pay £1,085 in fines and costs for killing and ill-treating badgers had been tracked down by a wildlife protection group which said that it had received information about him from other hunters shocked by his cruelty

Members of the Plymouth RSPCA Wildlife Group, which keeps 24-hour watches on badger setts threatened by "hunters" saw Christopher Newton, aged 30, self-employed, of Plymouth, convicted of eight of twelve charges relating to badgers at Totnes magistrates' court in Devon.

Newton was fined £100 on each of four charges of killing, injuring or taking badgers in Devon, Somerset and Wales last May, and a further £100 on each of four more charge of cruelly ill-treating badgers.

He was acquitted on four counts of using artificial light to take badgers. He had pleaded not guilty to all charges and his solicitor said that he would appeal against conviction.

Newton, married with three children, was described by the prosecution as a cunning and calculating professional poacher who has made enough money from hunting game to pay for his house in Plymouth.

Newton's downfall were his diaries and photograph albums in which he kept a meticulous record of the foxes, hares, badgers and deer he hunted with lurcher dogs or terriers over several years.

The court was told that the four diaries containing 200 pages of information were the only evidence on which the prosecution was based. The police, acting on information, raided his house looking for illegally held firearms but instead found the diaries.

Newton was said to have set lurcher dogs on badgers or to have sent terriers into their setts where violent fights took place. Frequently the terriers would be badly torn by the badgers which sometimes were dug out, captured in tongs and then clubbed to death.

In his defence, Newton said that he had exaggerated and fabricated parts of his diaries to get a better price for his hunting dogs.

Mr Stephen Walker, for the defence, said that Newton would become the laughing stock of the hunting fraternity once it learnt that he had fabricated the claims in his diaries. In any case, he had told the court, he was overweight, no longer capable of hunting and he was determined to give it up.

Mrs Gill Hunt, aged 33, one of the Plymouth wildlife group's leading members, said that it was formed two years ago and now had about forty-five members, including policemen, RSPCA officials, and veterinary surgeons who pooled their efforts to counter the increasing activities of badger-hunters.

Mrs Hunt, whose husband is a Plymouth veterinary surgeon, said that Newton had been one of about two dozen local men who were regularly raiding badger setts in the Plymouth area.

She said that the group had been after Mr Newton for some time. "In the end some other people on the fringes of hunting in the area who knew about him were prepared to give us information."

Constant battle for RSPCA

The RSPCA is waging a continuous war against the men who illegally hunt badgers (the Press Association writes).

"It is a constant battle for us, up and down the country", Mr John Gordon a Plymouth RSPCA inspector, said after yesterday's hearing.

Sometimes the badgers are killed either by dogs or by their handlers, but sometimes they are kept for baiting sessions, in which dogs are set against the badger and men gamble on the strength and expertise of their animals as they worry the badger to death.

Mr Brian Carter, a writer and naturalist, said: "Sometimes the badger is dragged out of its sett with huge iron tongs. Then it is put into a sack, sometimes with its back legs chained, and released in a disused quarry, a backyard or garage. Dogs are set on it and men bet on the gameness of the dogs.

"The badger dies in the end, but it could take an hour or longer. The dogs get hurt but to protect them, the men sometimes break the badger's lower jaw."



Miss Sara Keays, former mistress of Mr Cecil Parkinson, leaving a London yesterday with their 11-day-old daughter Flora Elisabeth. Behind Miss Keay sister Flora.

Father and son clash at tribunal

A father was dismissed by his own son from the family paint-spraying company, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

The father, Mr Charles Hoskins, aged 57, of Mountain View, Saltney, near Chester, claims that he was unfairly dismissed. But the son, Mr Elwyn Hoskins, aged 35, told the tribunal at Colwyn Bay, Clwyd: "He showed a lack of interest and was completely irresponsible."

Mr Elwyn Hoskins said that he founded the firm, Clwyd Commercial Vehicles, at Rhydymwyn, near Mold, in 1976, making himself managing director with 60 per cent of the shares. His wife, Wendy, was company secretary with five per cent and his father held the remaining 35 per cent.

Because he put up the money for the company he took a higher salary than his father, who was in charge of the manual side of the business.

Everything went smoothly until 18 months ago when, Mr Hoskins alleged, his father had failed to apply a new type of paint properly because he had not read the instructions. Sometimes he had not applied primer.

Mr Charles Hoskins had lent a new company car to another son, who wrecked it while on holiday, and the insurance company would not pay out as the vehicle was not being used for the firm's business, Mr Elwyn Hoskins said.

An accountant, Mr Carl Ridgway, who audited the company's books, said that Mr Charles Hoskins had been upset by the differential of salary between himself and his son. He had also wanted to sign cheques

The tribunal chairman, Mr Harry Day, asked whether a father might not sometimes resent his son "being in a position to tell him what to do".

Mr Ridgway said: "If that were so it was not as obvious as I would have expected. I was trying to play the honest broker between two people drifting apart."

The case was adjourned until March.

Hotels chief jailed for tax fraud

The managing director of the hotel group which runs the Bear Hotel at Woodstock, Oxfordshire, was jailed for a year yesterday, fined a total of £40,000 and ordered to pay £20,000 costs for his part in a £363,000 tax fraud.

Jeremy Porter's father, Cyril, aged 74, was also fined a total of £35,000 at Oxford Crown Court and ordered to pay £5,000 costs. Both were banned from managing any company for two years.

The six hotels that Jeremy Porter, aged 42, controlled were fined a total of £230,000 – the Bear's fine being £100,000.

Sentencing Jeremy Porter, of Chesterton, Oxfordshire, Judge Kenneth Mynett, QC, said: "It is abundantly clear from what I have heard that the major offender was you.

"At each of the hotels you directed and instructed the manager in the manner of carrying out these frauds. This was a matter of settled policy."

The case was the climax of a three-year Inland Revenue investigation.

Judge Mynett heard how the staff's wages were kept low and supplemented by tips and service charges, which were not declared for tax or national insurance.

Both men also admitted filling in false tax returns and living off company funds.

Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, for the prosecution, said that the private items charged to the company by Cyril Porter, who earnt £33,000 a year as a director, included antiques and landscape gardening at his home in Bladon, Oxfordshire.

His "dynamic and ambitious" son was ordered handmade shirts in London and passed them off to the Inland Revenue as staff uniforms, Mr Fennell said.

Jeremy Porter, who earned £44,000 a year as managing director of the group, also charged window-cleaning bills for his house and his nanny's television to the Bear.

The court was told that a large number of documents were seized by the Inland Revenue in a raid on the group's Bicester headquarters.

Both men have repaid all the money owed but were forced to put the Grove House Hotel on Merseyside on the market for £265,000 last November to raise more funds.

The other hotels in the group are: Wroxton House Hotel, Banbury; The Three Horseshoes, Rugby; The Royal Norfolk Hotel, Bognor Regis and the Auchendrane in Birkenhead.

Solicitor fined

● The former chairman of the group, Peter Wilson, a Lancashire solicitor, was fined £800 and ordered to pay £1,000 costs after admitting falsifying his tax returns in 1980 and 1981 while he was director of two hotels, including the Bear.

Judge Mynett, making it clear that Wilson's offences were not connected with the Porter case, told him: "It is always tragic to see a solicitor of the Supreme Court pleading guilty to offences of dishonesty".

Porter, aged 52, failed to tell the Inland Revenue about six cases of champagne worth £369 bought for him by the Auchendrane hotel in Birkenhead, which also paid some of his personal American Express bills.

Mr Fennell said that the unpaid tax on the champagne totalled £63 and that on the American Express payments £90.40p.

Mr Fennell said that the money involved was small but the offences were serious because Wilson, from Scarisbrick, Lancashire, had been clerk for 15 years to the St Helens division of the Inland Revenue commissioners.

Hopes fade for cut in home loans

By Peter Wilson-Smith
Banking Correspondent

Hopes of lower mortgage payments for homebuyers took a futher knock yesterday when a leading building society chief predicted that rates were unlikely to change in the first three months of this year.

Mr Cyril English, chief general manager of Nationwide, the third largest society, said that in present circumstances there was no reason to consider any change in rates. There were some signs that interest rates in the economy may be hardening and pressure on the pound was causing uncertainty.

He also pointed to the recent increase in mortgage rates by Midland Bank and Lloyds Bank as confirmation that the mortgage rate was not too high.

"While we can continue to lend at these levels, and while we can continue to attract the money, then rates will remain at their present levels".

Earlier, Nationwide announced its results for 1983 which showed that lending rose by 14 per cent to a new record of over £1.5bn. Figures out later this week from the Building Societies Association are expected to show that lending by all societies soared by over a quarter to £19.5bn last year.

Continued strong demand for mortgages, together with the general uncertainties over interest rates, are the main reasons why hopes of an early reduction in the 11.25 per cent mortgage rate have progressively faded.

The big building societies fear that if they cut their interest rates, this would reduce the intake of savings and make mortgages more scarce. Although mortgage queues have been falling, Mr English said yesterday that the societies were still not attracting all the funds they needed to satisfy demand.

He also ruled out the possibility of any building society unilaterally cutting its rates, as they are now free to do. "No building society can afford to put itself at a competitive disadvantage on its investment side by taking unilateral action

Break-up of Call Abbey postpone

By Hugh Clayton

The breaking up of the historic Calke Abbey estate was postponed yesterday when the Government promised to see if it could do more to ease the owner's £10m burden of tax and interest.

The National Trust said after a meeting in London: "There is still a very big question mark hanging over it, but we are glad that the door was not entirely slammed today."

The meeting to avert the piecemeal sale of the estate was called by the National Heritage Memorial Fund and attended by officials of the trust, local councils, Treasury and Department of the Environment and representatives of Mr Henry Harpur-Crewe, owner of the 14,400-acre estate.

They agreed that the estate, with its mansion of richly-filled rooms untouched since Victorian times, was worth saving for the nation and would best be handed over to the trust. But the trust needed £7m for repairs and an endowment.

A working party was formed to report in little more than a month about final hopes of keeping the house, contents and immediate parkland intact. The key to the fate of Calke Abbey lies in a commitment given by officials of the

Department of the ment yesterday to r the tax status of the es

Mr Harpur-Crewe tax interest is rising at more than £1,000 a da to leave the whole esta nation in lieu of tax. M have ruled that o parkland can be cla "heritage land" which accepted instead of t

Now the departmen consider whether any estate outside the parkl special scientific or scen that would enable it classed as "heritage land

But Mr Brian Lang retary of the National H Memorial Fund and ch of the working party, sai there would still be a wid to bridge even if more lan classed as "heritage".

● If the Government doe accept Kedleston Hall, D Robert Adam's masterpie lieu of £2.5m tax, Scarsdale said yesterday would continue to sell the £2m art collection instead Derby Correspondent adds

Lord Scarsdale said: " leston Hall is 10 times beautiful than Calke Abbe the Government accepts C Abbey and not Kedleston then I would immediately to consider selling the bea art collection".

Jenkin backs down ove een Belt

By Our Local Government Corres

The Government has dropped plans to overrule local council objections to a series of new villages planned in the Home Counties by a consortium of the largest building companies in Britain.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, said yesterday: "There is no question of rolling back the Green Belt

Mr Jenkin was speaking between meetings with Council for the Protection Rural England and the Hou builders' Federation about vice to local councils allocations of land for housi Two draft circulars were wi drawn by ministers bef Christmas in the face Conservative protests that th would allow too much buildi on unspoiled countryside.

Mr Robin Grove-Whit of the council, said eting Mr Jenkin and Mr v, Minister for Housing onstruction: "New vil- open countryside like ecently mooted in the ast now look far less an six months ago."

Mr Jenkin made it clear he Government was ned to help young who wanted to become ners."

Britain set for record US tourist invasion

By a Staff Reporter

ritain's tourist industry is paring for a record influx of ted States visitors this year, he pound reaches new low ls against the dollar.

he dollar's fortunes have e 1983 a bumper year – 2,275,000 transatlantic ellers visiting Britain in the nine months of last year, pared with 2,136,000 in the le of 1982, encouraged by exchange rate that had ped to $1.44 by the end of 3. Now it is down to $1.40.

s a result, travel firms in United States are persuad- Americans that now is the for a foreign holiday. re is also a belief in the US the dollar will not ride for long after this year's idential elections.

he president of Mark Allan el Inc of Los Angeles. s Anastasia Kostoff, who is mber of the US Travel and ists Association, said: are one of the companies ing the exchange rate. We to teach our clients that can save money now.

he trend is for people to just one or two countries et to know the little towns he countryside.

is is in line with the belief many Americans are g Europe for a second, or fourth time, keen to get d the capital cities.

e British Tourist Auth- keen to promote the is emphasizing its age '84 theme to coax rs beyond London, Ox- and Stratford-upon-Avon. oss the Atlantic, the BTA ensifying its promotional s, along with British ys, which feels it will the trade to compensate possible decline in Britons ling in the other direction. ritish invasion of Florida, height three years ago, aned.

ctor censured for failing visit patient

By a Staff Reporter

general practitioner was nished yesterday for fail- visit an elderly patient. ter died.

General Medical Coun- professional conduct ttee ruled that Dr Sha- r Prasad, aged 50, of ston, Birmingham, had rded his responsibility s Mr Kartar Singh Sagoo, ndsworth, who died in 1981, about six months affering a stroke.

Prasad was cleared of professional misconduct ing to visit and treat Mrs lam, of Handsworth.

week before Mr Sagoo relatives, social workers istrict nurse had tried to a visit from Dr Prasad.

tribunal heard that Dr had been suspended for rs from February, 1975. scribing for fees con- drugs not needed for le treatment.

Experiment to slow M1 speeders

New powers to curb motorway speeders are to be tried out on the M1 in Northamptonshire this year (Our Transport Editor writes).

In the experiment drivers who fail to reduce speed at roadworks will become liable to prosecution under special powers to be granted to Northamptonshire County Council by the Department of Transport.

With 28 miles of the M1 and 11 roadwork sites at present, Northamptonshire is the obvious place to try a system for which the police have pressed for some time. Northamptonshire police claim half their motorway accidents happen during rain at roadworks because vehicles travel too close to one another and travel too fast as they approach roadworks.

Normally the only enforceable motorway speed limit is the legal maximum of 70mph for cars. Special restrictions applied around roadworks – usually 50mph but sometimes 40mph, 30mph or even 20mph – are merely advisory and can be ignored by irresponsible drivers with impunity.

Jail for hoax bomb caller

Kevin Scott, aged 20, unemployed, of Langdale Close, Walworth, south London, who made a hoax 999 call to New Scotland Yard two days after the Harrods blast saying that a bomb had been planted in a West End hotel, was jailed for three months at Camberwell Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Scott admitted the offence at a previous hearing

Petition names Lord Norwich

Mr Hugo Phillips, heir to Lord Milford, was granted a decree nisi in the London Divorce Court yesterday against his wife, Mary, in a petition naming Lord Norwich. They had been married for 25 years.

The 36-year marriage of Lord and Lady Allendale was also ended in the court after an undefended petition brought by Lady Allendale.

Dean of York to retire

The Dean of York, Dr Ronald Jasper, is to retire in August.

Dr Jasper, aged 66, who is married with two children, will announce where he intends to spend his retirement at a press conference tomorrow.

Prince to go to South Atlantic

Prince Andrew, who served as a helicopter pilot during the Falkland conflict, returns to the South Atlantic in April, to visit St Helena on the 150th anniversary of the island becoming a Crown colony.

Dr Arthur fund

More than £8,000 has been raised for an appeal fund in memory of Dr Leonard Arthur, the paediatrician who was acquitted at Leicester Crown Court in 1981 of attempted murder of a Down's syndrome baby. Dr Arthur died on Christmas Day from a brain tumour.

Heart transplant

A man aged 49 became the eighty-first patient to receive a new heart at Harefield Hospital, Middlesex, yesterday. Mr Robert Nash, who is married with two children and lives in Shepperton, Surrey, is said to be making good progress.

Brother and sister killed girl for £24

A brother and sister were jailed for life at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for the killing of a schoolgirl during a £24 robbery.

The Recorder, Judge Miskin, QC, recommended that Dennis Cunningham, a fanatical Elvis Presley fan, should serve a minimum of 20 years.

Cunningham, aged 31 and unemployed, of Maysoule Road, Battersea, South London, who tried to disguise his appearance by having his Presley hairstyle altered afterwards, and Mrs Rosemary Clarke, aged 20, of Ingrave Street, Battersea, were found guilty of murdering Fiona McLaren, aged 14, at her home in Wandsworth, last June.

Miss Ann Curnow, for the prosecution, said the couple, who admitted conspiring to steal but denied murder, were regular visitors to the girl's home.

When they found they did not have the fare for a journey to Darlington, they went to the girl's home.

Miss Curnow said they played "an exceedingly macabre game", flicking a rope around the girl's neck before stabbing her to silence her and rifling a meter.

Road-building boost 'vital for cities'

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

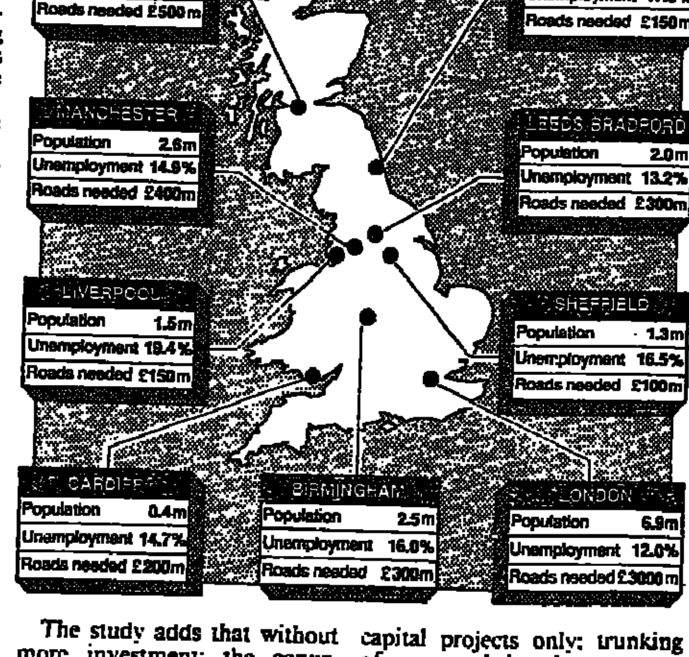
Capital investment in the provincial conurbations must be increased rather than reduced when the high-spending metropolitan county councils are abolished, according to the British Road Federation.

About £7,000m needs to be invested over the next decade in roads (£5,000m) and public transport (£2,000m) in London and eight provincial conurbations. They are Glasgow, Newcastle, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds/Bradford, Sheffield, Birmingham and Cardiff.

If it is not, employment and economic activity will decline in provincial cities, *Room to Move*, a new federation study, finds.

It says that government plans for restructuring local government carry a real risk that not only will enhanced future investment requirements not be fulfilled, but existing urban programmes may be delayed while district councils take over the responsibility for infrastructure from the metropolitan counties.

Calling for more government finance for urban investment, Mr Tony de Boer, federation chairman, said at a London press briefing yesterday: "The Government must face the present economic realities and invest now in essential urban infrastructure to meet the needs of the late twentieth and early twentyfirst century."





The study adds that without more investment the conurbations will continue to suffer from urban decay, poor environment, traffic congestion, poor public transport, and higher than average unemployment.

The federation wants present expenditure of about £1,500m a year on urban roads and public transport investment doubled, and proposes, inter alia: making the transport supplementary grant in England applicable to capital projects only; trunking of more roads in urban areas, as is to be done in London, and more 100 per cent grants to speed up local authority road construction; and more flexibility in the use of transport land, for example by converting under-used rail lines to all-purpose or limited-access roads or coachways.

Room to Move, (free from British Road Federation, 6 Portugal Street, London WC2A 2HG.

BBC-IBA talks on direct satellite project

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

The heads of the BBC and the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) met yesterday in an attempt to agree on a joint satellite project for direct television transmission.

The BBC has postponed its original plans for Direct Satellite Broadcasting (DBS) which was due to go on air in 1986. Yesterdays meeting explored a solution favoured by the BBC that two satellites should be launched and that the four channels, two on each, be shared between the BBC and IBA.

One channel, for films, would be shared, each group would have its own general entertainment channel and the fourth would be used as a backup.

The Cable and Broadcasting Bill making its way through Parliament and due to be law by July, will empower the IBA to award franchises to commercial companies.

The meeting yesterday between Mr Stuart Young, chairman of the BBC, and Lord Thomson of Monifieth, chairman of the IBA, is an indication of how important the issue had become. It is thought that no decision was taken.

The BBC's original plan was for a two-channel system, built by Unisat – a consortium of British Aerospace, GEC-Marconi and British Telecom – and would cost the corporation £170m investment capital and a further £180m operational costs over the seven-year life expectancy of the satellite.

Zhao hails frie[nd]ship with Washington as strong force for peace

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister, told President Reagan at the start of their talks yesterday that the amicable coexistence of China and the United States was an important factor in maintaining world peace and stability.

"As long as the peoples of the world take their destiny in their own hands it will be possible to maintain world peace and prevent a new world war", Mr Zhao said. President Reagan at a colourful welcoming ceremony on the White House lawn said that they shared many concerns, specially in the arena of international peace and stability.

He added: "We stand on common ground in opposing expansionism and interference in the affairs of independent states. We are united by our commitment for international peace and our desire for economic progress."

Mr Zhao arrived here o[n] Monday evening and his wee[k] visit to the United States is th[e] first by a Prime Minister of th[e] People's Republic.

Both the President and th[e] Prime Minister spoke in war[m] terms about the growing Sin[o-] US relationship, particularly i[n] the economic, trading an[d] technological fields.

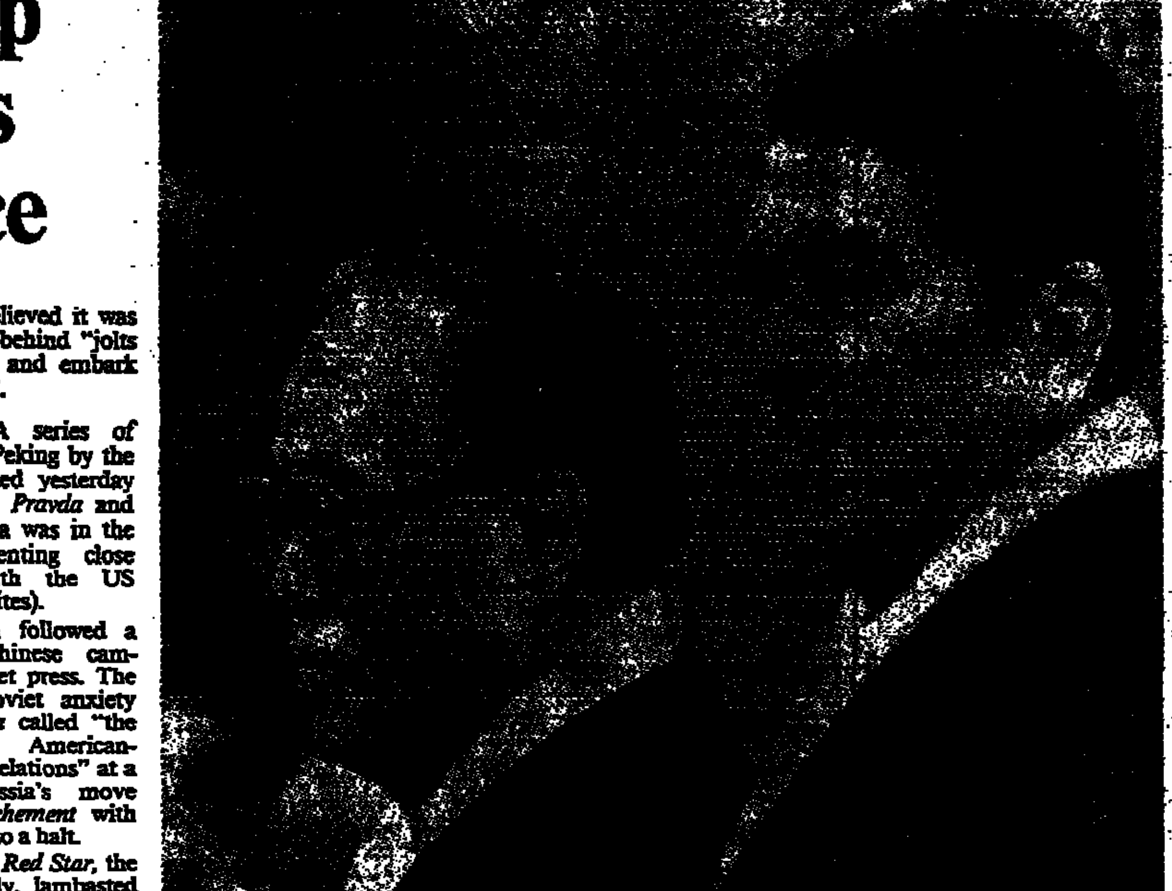
Mr Reagan, a strong sup-porter of Taiwan before h[e] became President, told Mr Zha[o] that his visit symbolized th[e] growing cooperation and tr[ust] between the United States an[d] China. Mr Zhao observed th[at] Sino-Soviet relations were no[w] at an important juncture an[d] faced big challenges as well a[s] great opportunities.

Without directly mentioni[ng] the thorny problem of co[n]tinued US arms supplies [to] Taiwan, which China claims a[s] its province, Mr Zhao said the[re] were still difficulties and o[bsta]cles. But he believed it was [po]ssible to leave behind "jolts [an]d uncertainties and embark [on a] smooth path".

● MOSCOW: A series of [an]gry attacks on Peking by the [K]remlin culminated yesterday [in] accusations by *Pravda* and *[Iz]vestia* that China was in the [pr]ocess of cementing close [pol]itical ties with the US ([R]ichard Owen writes).

The accusation followed a [mo]unting anti-Chinese cam[pa]ign in the Soviet press. The [att]acks reflect Soviet anxiety [ov]er what *Pravda* called "the [re]activation of American-[C]hinese political relations" at a [ti]me when Russia's move [to]ward a *rapprochement* with China have come to a halt.

Two weeks ago *Red Star*, the [ar]med forces daily, lambasted [th]e Chinese for supporting the [W]est over arms control and the Soviet arms build-up.



In line: Mr Zhao and President Reagan at a full state ceremony on the White House lawn to welcome the Chinese leader yesterday.

OAU trying to end Chad deadlock

Addis Ababa (AP) – Fresh *attempts were being made* yesterday to persuade the Chad Government and rebel leaders to join talks aimed at ending their country's 18-year civil war, African and Western diplomatic sources said.

The talks, sponsored by the Organization of African Unity, were to have started on Monday.

But the stumbling block remained the refusal by the rebel leader, ex-president Goukouni Oueddei, to meet any government representative other than President Hissene Habré.

Moscow suggests chemical ban

Moscow (Reuter) – The Soviet Union yesterday pre-sented Nato with a Warsaw Pact proposal for a ban on chemical weapons on the *European continent, but Western diplomats said it broke little* new ground.

The proposal, published by Tass, called for a meeting between Nato and Warsaw Pact ambassadors this year to discuss the offer.

The proposal, handed to Nato envoys at the Soviet Foreign Ministry in Moscow, said that in the present aggravated international situation "The danger of the use of chemical weapons, first of all in Europe, increases". This threat could be removed by banning weapons and eliminating their stockpiles worldwide, starting with Europe.

But Western diplomats said they were cautious about the new proposal, pointing out that it made no clear mention of verification, an issue which has been a stumbling block at many arms control negotiations.

They added that it could be seen as a propaganda initiative timed to come just before the Stockholm conference on confidence-building measures next week.

Moscow and Washington have both accused each other of stockpiling chemical weapons and using them in third countries.

● BRUSSELS: A set of detailed, concrete proposals on reporting and monitoring all important military activity in Europe right up to the Urals is to be presented to the Stockholm conference next Tuesday. (Ian Murray writes).

These ideas were presented to the Nato Council in Brussels yesterday by Mr James Goodby, the chief American negotiator at the 35-nation conference. While refusing to give any precise details about them, he said afterwards that he believed they could help to reduce even further the "very, very small risk indeed" of a war in Europe.

The proposals centred on ways of exchanging information on military activity and on allowing for observers to verify what was going on. This would reduce the risk of war by miscalculation.

Italy fêtes the son of a Beirut streetsweeper

From Our Correspondent, Rome

Italy has rolled out the red carpet for the fortnight-long visit of Mustafa Hawi, 12-year-old son of an unemployed streetsweeper in Beirut, who has been adopted by the Italian contingent.

Immediately after his arrival on Monday evening he was received at the Quirinal Palace by President Pertini, then by the Prime Minister, Signor Craxi.

Mustafa, one of 13 children, was found, with a hand injury, by Italian soldiers near the Palestine camp of Chatila. He was looked after and fed, and learnt Italian so well that he helped to show President Pertini around on his visit to Beirut in November.

Mustafa is accompanied by his father, who has little to do now that Beirut's streets are littered with everything but waste paper and cigarette ends. Mustafa hopes to study medicine in Italy.

The money for his studies should be available, as 84 million lire (£35,000) has been won on his behalf by a 22-year-old unemployed worker from near Naples, Signor Eugenio De Maio. This was the prize put up in a television show by a Jewish-owned north Italian distillery, to be spent, not by the winner, but on a good cause

Howe presses PLO to join search for Middle East formula

Riyadh (Reuter) – Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, arrived in Saudi Arabia yesterday for talks with King Fahd, after urging the Palestine Liberation Organization to join political moves towards a Middle East peace settlement.

Sir Geoffrey's tour of key Middle East capitals began in Cairo, where he saw President Mubarak of Egypt for an hour yesterday morning.

He will go on to Damascus for a probable meeting tonight or on Thursday with President Assad of Syria.

Arab moderates such as Egypt and the Saudis see his tour as a chance to ask Britain and its European allies to urge the US to press Israel to stop building settlements on the West Bank and negotiate with the Arabs, diplomatic sources said.

The official Saudi press agency quoted Sir Geoffrey as saying on arrival in Riyadh that there were hopeful signs for progress towards peace in the region, after some months of stagnation.

The European Community and moderate Arab states had an important role to play in furthering a peace process which should recognize the rights of all parties involved, he said.

Sir Geoffrey earlier told reporters in Cairo that the Palestinian people's right to self-determination had to be recognized, but that the PLO must move to recognize Israel's right to exist.

"The Palestinians and the PLO have to be associated with prospects of achieving a settlement . . ." he said. "There is certainly a need to recognize in one form or another the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination."

But, in a plea for the PLO not to revert to violence to achieve its aims, he added: "It is also important for the PLO to recognize the legitimacy of the state of Israel and to recognize the importance and legitimacy of progress by political, and not other means".

The PLO has been split by factional fighting between supporters of its chairman, Mr Yassir Arafat, and radicals demanding a return to all-out armed struggle against Israel.

Mr Arafat has been holding a series of meetings with loyal PLO leaders on future strategy since being forced out of Lebanon by the Syrian-backed radicals last month.

Sir Geoffrey also said after his talks with the Egyptian President that his Middle East tour came at a time of particularly important developments – Mr Arafat's meeting with President Mubarak and the reconvening of Jordan's parliament.

Women to get vote as Husain reshuffles

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

A sweeping reshuffle of the Jordanian Government is expected within the next 24 hours to coincide with King Husain's controversial decision to reconvene Parliament and call a general election on the East Bank for the first time in more than 16 years.

It is understood that new legislation is being planned which will give Jordanian women the vote for the first time and enable them to stand for the 30 seats to be contested. Officials said King Husain had planned the move in 1967, but it had been shelved when parliament was prorogued after the Israeli conquest of the West Bank.

According to Jordan's semi-official press, the Prime Minister, Mr Mudar Budran, will be replaced by the former head of the security service, Mr Ahmad Obeidat, now Minister of the Interior.

The Jordan Times reported that, after intense political activity, the new Cabinet would present its programme to Parliament when its regular, as opposed to extraordinary session, opens here tomorrow. The King will make his first speech from the throne since 1967. More than 1,000 local dignitaries have been invited.

Under the constitution, the Prime Minister is appointed by the King and traditionally he often has to bear the brunt of popular discontent in a country where open criticism of the monarch is not encouraged.

Mr Obeidat was chief of Jordan's efficent general security service, the Mukhabarat, between 1974 and 1982.

Western sources say the plan to reshuffle the Cabinet is linked to the recall of Parliament and is intended to bolster Jordan's internal stability in preparation for the next stage of the peace process.

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Why typist fails to measure up

From John Earle
Rome

Signorina Antonella Crielesi, a shorthand typist aged 29, is not tall enough to stand up to the job. She has been dismissed after six months working in the prison governors office at Volterra, Tuscany, because her employers discovered that a Fascist law dating back to 1940 demands that all state employees "must be of a stature not inferior to one metre 60 centimetres (5ft 3in), belong to the Aryan race, and be members of the Fascist Party".

The second two conditions are considered to be no longer valid in republican Italy, but the first evidently is. Signorina Crielesi had to present a "certificate of stature" signed by a doctor, from which it emerged that she was only one metre 55½ centimetres tall – about 5ft 1in – over 4 centimetres below the minimum height.

Statements have been issued by Signor Mino Martinazzoli, The Minister of Justice, by trade union leaders and by the prison inmates saying the requirement is ridiculous. But the law is the law. Signorina Crielesi says she is appealing to President Pertini.

"It's my last chance. I'm writing to Pertini immediately", she went on. "Otherwise I don't know what to do. I was so happy, after 10 years I had at last got a job. For me it meant independence, and the possibility of getting married without finanacial worries."

The Justice Minister said it was a bureaucratic ridiculous and anachronistic situation" and promised to see what he could do.

But legal experts predicted it might not be an easy task. A new decree, if not a new law, would probably be necessary to annul the existing one, and then it might be difficult to make it retroactive to apply to Signorina Crielesi's case.

Date named for Beagle accord

Rome (AFP) – The heads of the Argentine and Chilean delegations involved in negotiations over the Beagle Channel dispute met at the Vatican in the presence of two papal mediators, to put the finishing touches to a document in which they undertake to conclude negotiations "within a relatively brief period".

The document is expected to be signed on January 20.

Diplomatic shakeup by Grenada

A new Grenadian High Commissioner in London to replace Mr Fennis Augustine, who has been dismissed, will be announced soon, according to officials of the interim advisory council in the island. Meanwhile, Grenadian interests will be looked after by the Eastern Caribbrean High Commission. (Henry Stanhope writes).

Envoys to Ottawa, the United Nations and the Organization of American States are among others who have lost their jobs. A statement by the council added thatthe embassies in the Soviet Union and Libya had been closed. The missions in Washington and New York have been reopened.

A-bomb plan to level mountain

Riverside, California (AP) – Federal officals proposed to use 22 atomic bombs to level a mountain in the Mojave desert in 1964 to clear the way for a road, according to newly-released government documents published by the *Riverside Press-Enterprise*.

The plan, later dropped for budgetary reasons, was to use the bombs to clear 68 million cubic yards of the Bristol Mountains and save 15 miles of highway construction.

Molester freed

San Francisco (Reuter) – Charges against a man who admitted sexually molesting his 12-year-old stepdaughter were dropped after the girl again refused to testify against him. She spent nine days in a windowless cell after her first refusal.

Envoy named

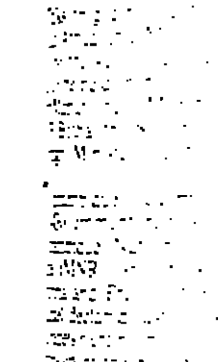
Mr Robin Fearn, aged 49, who was head of the South America Department at the Foreign Office when Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands, has been named British Ambassador to Cuba.

Plane crashes

Managua (Reuter) – Two pilots and three mechanics died when a Nicaraguan Air Force plane crashed 30 miles from here, the Defence Ministry said.

Second thoughts

Bonn – An East German who risked his life and swam the icy River Havel to West Berlin, undetected by East German border guards, changed his mind and returned to East Berlin after a telephone conversation with his grandmother.



Full diplomatic links after 116 years

US recognizes the Vatican

From Nicholas Ashford
Washington

Overriding strong objections by Protestant churches and civil libertarians, the Reagan Administration yesterday established full diplomatic relations with the Vatican, ending 116 years of unofficial ties.

The action was announced jointly by the State Department and by officials at the Vatican. The US became the 107th nation to establish full diplomatic relations with the Holy See.

Shortly after the announcement, the White House named Mr William Wilson, a California businessman and long-time associate of President Reagan, as American Ambassador. Mr Wilson, who has served as the President's unofficial envoy to the Holy See for the past three years, had been among those campaigning for the establishment of full diplomatic relations.

The Vatican's Apostolic Delegate to the US, Archbishop Pio Laghi, is to become the Pro-Nuncio to Washington.

The move had been expected since November when Congress repealed an 1867 law prohibiting the use of federal funds to maintain a diplomatic mission to the Papacy.

Some churches and pressure groups had lobbied hard to prevent the establishment of full relations, arguing that it would violate the constitutional principle of separation of church and state.

The influential American Jewish Congress also opposed the move on the ground that it would be a mistake for the Government to relate to a particular church in a preferential way.

The Roman Catholic church, which has over 50 million members in the US, has carefully avoided taking a position. Bishop James Malone, president of the US Catholic Conference, commented diplomatically yesterday: "It is not a religious issue but a public policy question which, happily, has now been addressed and settled in that context".



In harmony: The Pope with Mr Wilson in 1981, when relations were unofficial

The question has long been a controversial one. President Truman nominated General Mark Clark to become American Ambassador to the Vatican in 1952, but the storm this provoked in Congress forced him to withdraw the nomination.

The main factor contributing to the change in mood is the constructive political role which the Pope has played since his accession, particularly in his native Poland.

Senator Richard Lugar (Rep. Indiana), a Presbyterian who led Congressional efforts to formalize US-Vatican relations, said the Pope deserved credit for transforming the Vatican into a "significant political force for decency in the world".

The establishment of relations would "recognize the Pope as a leader of a sovereign state that is playing an increasingly important role in world affairs", he added.

Another influencing factor was Britain's decision in 1982 to establish full relations with the Vatican after a break of over four and a half centuries.

● ROME: Mr Wilson is due to arrive on Friday, in time to attend the annual audience on Saturday which the Pope will give to the diplomatic corps (John Earle writes).

The Holy See maintains diplomatic relations with about 100 countries, not all of whom however maintain resident ambassadors.

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America's hungry to get no more aid

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

An investigation ordered by President Reagan has concluded that reports of serious hunger in the US cannot be substantiated. It did not recommend any increase in federal spending on food programmes.

The findings were released on the day the wealthiest suburban area of the US – and thus one of the richest parts of the world – announced a substantial increase in food hand-outs.

Montgomery County, Maryland, has the highest per capita income of any county in the US and is one of the favourite residential areas for professional people and senior bureaucrats working in Washington.

The county has set up a 24-hour emergency food hotline for the hungry and is establishing three more warehouses for food for the needy. Last year 21,000 Montgomery County families received food or money for food, a record and triple the figure for 1980.

Mr Charles Gilchrist, the county chief executive, said: "It is an outrage that hunger exists in this affluent county and this affluent country."

The findings of Mr Reagan's investigation, officially called the Task Force on Food Assistance, were widely condemned by welfare organizations yesterday.

After three months of study, the report said, there was little evidence of widespread undernutrition, although on occasion people could not get enough food, "even if the shortage is not prolonged enough to cause health problems".

By contrast, a host of reports by charitable and quasi-official bodies in the past two years point to a big increase in the number of soup kitchens

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[illegible]les, Paris

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Man killed by bomb in Corsica

Ajaccio (Reuter) – A man killed and another seriously wounded by a bomb in souther Corsica were probably victims of their own explosives, according to the police.

The devise they were handling in Capo di Muro, a village near here, apparently exploded prematurely late on Monday night.

Police thought the two were about to plant the bomb at the holiday villa of a Dr Jacques Aboulker of Paris. Eight other bomb attacks destroyed villas in southern Corsica, three of which belonged to senior French military officers.

Prince dies

Bangkok (AFP) – Prince Souvanna Phouma, prime minister of Laos before the Communist victory in 1975, died yesterday in Vientiane at the age of 82, the Laotian Government announced.

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Cholera toll

Jakarta (AP) – Thirteen people died of cholera and 22 others were taken to hospital in Indonesia last week. The outbreak occured in late December in Irian Jaya, New Guinea, but was not reported in time.

China bus link

Peking (AP) – A bus service between Hongkong and Fuzhou, the capital of the coastal province of Fujian, 620 miles away, has begun, in China's first joint venture in mainland transport.

Dainty dish

Paris (AFP) – A decree banning the sale of thrushes means that the regional delicacy, thrush pâté, will disappear, but it could be replaced by pâté made from starlings, which have been removed from the protected species list.

Control of guerrillas key to Mozambique's relations with Pretoria

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Talks on guerrilla activity in South Africa and Mozambique will be the key to discussions due to be held in both Pretoria and Maputo next Monday, Mr R. F. Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, said yesterday.

Mozambique claims that anti-Government rebels of the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) are backed by Pretoria and President Samora Machel declared last week that the rebels were no more than an extension of the South African Army.

In the past two years South African forces have carried out three raids on what it has described as guerrilla bases of the African National Congress (ANC) in and around Maputo.

On Monday four working groups will discuss security matters, economic relations, tourism and utilization of the Cabora Bassa hydro-electric plant in northern Mozambique which feeds into the South African national grid.

Mr Botha said yesterday that the most important working group will be the one on security which would seek "practical ways and means of eliminating all forms of subversion and violence" and to establish a mechanism for implementing and monitoring any security agreement.

"The achievement of our objectives in the economic, tourism and Cabora Bassa fields will depend on the measure of success obtained by the security group," Mr Botha said.

The security group will meet in Pretoria and the others in Maputo. General Johann Coetzee, Commissioner of Police, will lead the South African security team and the Mozambique delegation is expected to be led by Major General Mariano Matsinhe, Minister of Security.

Relations between South Africa and its eastern neighbour have been hostile since Mozambique won its independence from Portugal in 1975 and the pro-Marxist Frelimo government came to power.

But it is believed that harsh economic realities, worsened by drought that is believed to have claimed thousands of lives, compelled President Machel, during his extremely successful visits to London and other European capitals last year, to pledge non-alignment in return for Western economic aid.

Portugal, in particular, undertook to play a key role in trying to reestablish friendlier ties between its former colony and South Africa. Lisbon has a considerable financial interest in reconciliation. It is footing heavy bills for Cabora Bassa, which was designed to feed most of its generated power to South Africa but which is continually being interrupted by MNR attacks.

In Maputo last week, President Machel reiterated Mozambique's diplomatic, moral and political support for the ANC. He said: "The aims of the ANC are the aims for which all mankind fights.

● BRUSSELS: The EEC commission said yesterday it has granted 1.8 million european currency units (£1m) in emergency aid to Mozanbique (AP reports).

● LISBON: South African planes bombed Caiundo in the south-eastern Angolan province of Kuando-Kubango recently, killing four soldiers and a number of civilians, Angop, the official Angolan news agency said (Reuter reports).

Angop also claimed the Angolan 11th infantry brigade defending Cuvelai had knocked out four South African armoured cars and three tanks and shot down three planes and a helicopter.

Policeman tells Njonjo inquiry of arms imports

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi

A judicial inquiry into allegations that a former Kenyan minister, Mr Charles Njonjo, was being groomed by an unnamed power to become President of Kenya heard its first evidence here yesterday when a white police officer gave details of 93 firearms said to have been imported between 1963 and 1981 by an unknown Indonesian.

Mr Njonjo, a London-trained lawyer, who was Attorney-General of Kenya before retiring from that post in 1981, sat in the Parliament buildings as Senior Superintendent Douglas Walker listed firearms, ranging from hunting rifles to 9mm automatic pistols, for which Mr Lim Poo Hir, also known as Yani Haryanto, had been given import permits.

There was no hint of what connexion the arms might have with Mr Njonjo.

Mr Njonjo has consistently denied suggestions that he was disloyal to President Moi. He has been living quietly in Nairobi since being suspended from the Cabinet last year.

West Berliners angry as city slashes rail link

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

Strong protests have been made by thousands of West Berliners against the decision of the city transport authority to close down more than half the network of the S-Bahn urban railway as soon as control of the section in the western part of the city passed from the East German Reichsbahn to authorities in the west.

The S-Bahn, controlled since 19[illegible] by the East Berlin-based Ministry of Transport under regulations laid down by Allies, was boycotted after the building of the Berlin Wall in 1961 and has been running at a deficit amounting last year to about DM 520m (£130m). The West Berlin transport authority is to make substantial repairs to the crumbling stations and track, but is now running trains on only 13 miles out of 46 in operation until Monday.

Environmentalists have joined the Social Democratic opposition in Berlin in attacking the closures.

France holds olive branch in effort to end Athens conflict

From Ian Murray, Brussels

France held out an olive branch to Britain at the end of yesterday's meeting of agriculture ministers in Brussels, the first council held under the new French Presidency.

M Michel Rocard, the French Minister presiding, went out of his way to pay tribute to Mr Michael Jopling, his British opposite number, before the two went off for a private lunch.

According to M Rocard, the British Agricultural Minister had shown himself aware of the question mark over Britain's "European credentials" and had made a statement which had dissipated any suspicions in this regard. Britain was clear on the need for reform, he said, but in a European context.

This compliment was clearly meant to help set the tone for the difficult negotiations ahead and was in marked contrast to the recriminations which followed the failure of the Athens summit scarecely a month ago. In approving Britain's "European credentials", France can go some way towards silencing

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M Rocard was definite ...

...uld be pressing for a full ...ment on reforms and ...s by March. The Com...on's price proposals will be ...xt week for consideration ...tional experts are likely to ...mmend a virtual freeze on ...thing, along with tax ...ures to further control production. Ministers ... arranged one extra meeting between now and the end of ...h to make extra time for ...sary negotiations.

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Rama Rao survives knife attack

Hyderabad (Reuter) – The Indian film star-politician, Mr N. T. Rama Rao, who deliverd a stunning election setback to Mrs Indira Gandhi in 1983, has survived an assassination attempt, the Press Trust of India said today.

A 21-year-old unempl... man tried to stab Mr Rao on Monday night at a sta... where he presented a repo... his first year as Chief Mi... of Andhra Pradesh state. ... suffered only a cut thumb.

Mr Rao, who before entering ...itics last year played the role ... a Hindu god in many of his ... films, won power last ...nuary over Mrs Gandhi's ...ngress (I) party.

The other Mrs Gandhi, page 9



Guilty of perjury: Miss Lavelle after the sentence was announced.

Jail sentence for Reagan official

Washington (NYT). – Rita Lavelle, former chief of the Environmental Protection Agency's toxic-waste programmes, has been sentenced to six months in prison and fined $10,000 (£7,000) for lying to Congress.

A federal district judge also sentenced her to five more years on probation, during which she must perform community service.

Miss Lavelle is the only high-ranking Reagan Administration official to have been sentenced to a prison term for a felony committed in the performance of official duties.

Judge Norma Hollway Johnson told Miss Lavelle at the sentencing on Monday: "You have indeed violated the public trust. The perjury offence strikes at the very core of the trust that has been conferred in you."

Last month, Miss Lavelle was found guilty of perjury and obstructing a congressional investigation by lying to congressional investigative subcommittees and to other officials at the EPA about when she found out that her former employer, the Aerojet General Corporation was disposing of toxic wastes at the Stringfellow acid pits near Riverside, California.

Mugabe's inquiry to hear of atrocities

From Stephen Taylor
Harare

A four-man committee of inquiry gathered yesterday in Bulawayo, capital of Zimbabwe's troubled Matabeleland province, to start hearing evidence of atrocities last year by the security forces.

During the next week the committee will hear testimony from individuals with first-hand experience of the violence and church bodies which compiled dossiers on the slaughter of peasants suspected of supporting anti-government guerrillas in Matabeleland.

The hearing is in camera but the Government has pledged its findings will be made public.

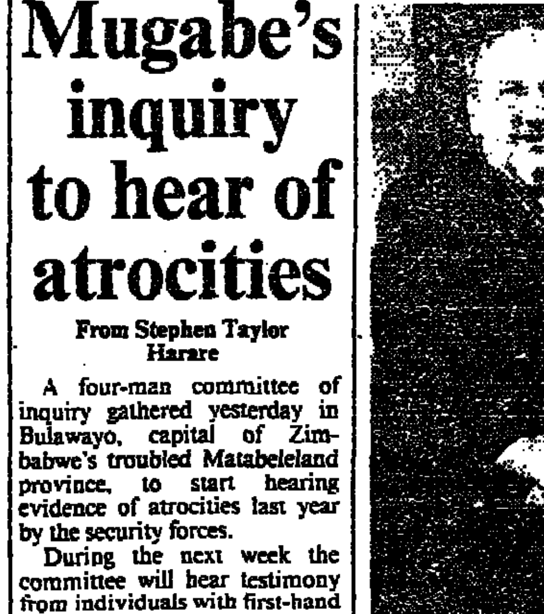
It is a year since the Government, in response to increasing insurgency in Matabeleland sent shock troops into the bush around Bulawayo. Between January and March more than 2,000 peasants were massacred.

Press reports of the atrocities, substantiated by church and voluntary organizations, were denounced as opposition party propaganda and drew blistering attacks from government politicians, including Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister.

However, in September, seven months after Mr Mugabe promised an investigation, the Government announced the inquiry. Since then the committee has been defining its responsibilities and preparing lists of witnesses.

Its members are Mr Simplicius Chihambakwe, chairman, Mr John Ngara, Mr Prince Machaya and Major-General Mike Shute, retired commander of the Fourth (Matabeleland) Brigade.

The new Zimbabwean Government after last week's reshuffle and pruning by Mr Mugabe is as follows:
Prime Minister, Defence, Public Services, Industry and Technology: Robert Mugabe; **Deputy Prime Minister, Energy and Water Resources:** Simon Muzenda; **National Supplies:** Enos Nkala; **Mines:** Dallistus Ndlovu (Zapu); **Finance and Economic Planning:** Bernard Chidzerd; **Trade and Commerce:** Richard Hove; **Labour, Manpower Planning and Social Welfare:** Frederick Shava; **Youth, Sport and Culture:** Simba Makoni; **Transport:** Herbert Ushemokunze; **Legal and Parliamentary Affairs and Justice:** Eddison Zudbgo; **Construction and National Housing:** Simbarashe Mumbengegwi; **Health:** Sydney Sekeramayr; **Home Affairs:** Simbi Mibako; **Education:** Dzingai Mutumbuka; **Women's Affairs:** Teurai Ropa Nhongo; **Information:** Nathan Shamuyarira; **Foreign Affairs:** Witness Mangwende; **Local Government:** Enos Chikdwore; **Natural Resources and Tourism:** Victoria Chitepo; **Lands and Resettlement:** Moven Mahachi; **Ministers Without Portfolio:** Farai Masango, Daniel Ngwenya (Zapu); **Agriculture:** Denis Norman (independent).



Mr Joergensen voting: His party fears decline.

Voters defy the cold in Denmark

From Christopher Follett
Copenhagen

With the last pre-election opinion polls pointing to a resounding victory for the Conservative-led coalition Government of Mr Poul Schluter, voters defied bitterly cold weather at yesterday's general election in Denmark.

Turnout was estimated at just under 90 per cent of the 3.8 million electorate.

Like all previous surveys, the final Gallup Poll, published in *Berlingske Tidende*, increased the combined seats of the ruling four-party coalition from 66 to 81 in the 179-seat Folketing (Parliament).

More significantly, the poll predicted that the small centrist anti-Nato Radical-Liberal Party, which supports Mr Schluter's economic policies, would win 10 seats, meaning that the Government may have a safe majority for its economic austerity programme. This could open the possibility of a new period of political stability.

A further decline of the opposition Social Democrats, led by Mr Anker Joergensen, traditionally the biggest party in Denmark, was also indicated with the party standing to lose up to nine of its 59 seats.

A total of 13 political parties contested the election, the seventh in 13 years. Only nine parties were expected to be returned to the new Parliament.

Freed Miss Bhutto flies to Zurich for treatment

Karachi (Reuter) – Pakistan's military government yesterday freed the eldest daughter of the executed former Prime Minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, after 34 months in custody. She immediately flew to Europe for treatment of an ear ailment.

Miss Benazir Bhutto, one of Pakistan's most prominent political figures and acting chairman of Bhutto's banned Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), had been under detention at her father's home here and family sources said she was going to Zurich.

Miss Bhutto, aged 30, said before leaving that she would undergo treatment for the ailment, from which she had suffered for some time. Her father was deposed by General Zia ul-Haq on July 5, 1977, and later hanged.

Police said the decision to allow Miss Bhutto abroad was made at a very high level. Arrested one week after the hijacking of a Pakistani airliner to Kabul and Damascus, she was accompanied by her younger sister, Sanam.

Miss Bhutto said that she would consult with her mother, who has also been undergoing medical treatment in Europe, about the political situation in Pakistan.

Last August anti-government agitators died in attacks on courts, police stations and railways in southern Sind province.

Palme's budget over-cautious, opposition says

From Christopher Mosey
Stockholm

Mr Olof Palme's Government, which since its election in 1982 has faced stiff opposition to its radical economic policies from industry and the non-socialist opposition, yesterday presented a budget that was immediately attacked for being over cautious.

Both industry and opposition criticized the budget for doing too little to ahieve its main stated aim: the reduction of the deficit from 84.0 billion kroner (£7.2bn) in 1983-1984 to 80.8 billion kroner in 1984-85.

A spokesman for the Federation of Swedish Industries said: "The Government should have taken stronger measures to reduce the deficit, increase profitability and encourage individual incentive by reducing personal taxation."

Leaders of the three main opposition parties made much the same points in their commentaries in Parliament on the package

Security officer denies plot to kill Aquino

Manila (AP) – The chief legal officer of president Marcos's security command denied yesterday any special relationship with the Government's key witness in the Aquino assassination case and said loyal soldiers definitely did not plot the opposition leaders's death.

Colonel Balbino Diego, giving evidence to a board investigating the murder of president Marcos's chief rival, acknowledged meeting at the presidential Palace compound with Rosendo Cawigan, the key witness, several months before and a few days after the assassination.

Mr Cawigan, who had given evidence against Aquino several years ago, told the board he was a Communist commander, a former Aquino bodyguard, and a Government undercover agent who was recruited by Communists to kill Aquino but he didn't get the job. He also alleged he was at the airport to kill Aquino himself for personal reasons in case the Communists failed.

Equal pay for Greeks

Athens (Reuter) – Greek women are guaranteed equal pay for equal work under a new law drafted by the Socialist Government and approved by Parliament overnight.

The law, intended to bring Greece into line with the European Community, also forbids employers from dismissing women for being pregnant and sets fines of up to 100,000 drachmas (£760) fo discrimination in hiring policy.

A year ago Parliament approved sweeping reforms of family law, making divorce easier and guaranteeing the role of wives in family decision-making.

Some women's groups said the latest measure did not go far enough. It did not affect the public sector, where in theory equality was already guaranteed, or the hundreds of thousands of Greek women who worked at home doing sewing or embroidery.

Dismissed Nato general claims compromising photographs are forged

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

The affair of General Günter Kiessling, peremptorily dismissed from his post as Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Nato on New Year's Eve by Herr Manfred Wörner, the West German Defence Minister, has led to widespread calls for a full explanation. The Government admitted that the general had become a security risk.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said Herr Wörner had no other choice but to retire General Kiessling early after the West German Military Intelligence Service presented information which required the immediate withdrawal of his security clearance. The ministry insisted, however, that no foreign intelligence service was involved, nor was there any basis for assuming treason on General Kiessling's part.

German newspapers have widely quoted intelligence reports that the general had allegelly visited homosexual bars in Cologne and Essen, and that his private life could have left him open to blackmail.

However, the Defence Ministry spokesman said military intellince had neer publicly accused the general of homosexuality, but said he had been fully informed in September of the reasons for his dismissal.

General Kiessling has twice publicly denied that he has ever had homosexual relations. He said at the weekend that apparently compromising photographs of himself had either been forged or there had been a mix-up.

In an interview with the popular magazine *Quick* he also said he had never been in Essen in his life, and could not understand the claims by military intelligence.

In reply, Herr Wörner, who clearly would like to say nothing more about the affair, denied there could have been any mistake.

He also denied, during a television interview, reports that the general xhqd been kept under observation by the American Central Intelligence Agency, and said neither the CIA nor General Bernard Rogers, the Nato Supreme Commander, had anything to do with the case.

The Social Democratic opposition has called on Herr Wörner to say precisely why the general had become a security risk.

Sources in Brussels said he had not been in his office for several months, and his departure came as no surprise. He was known to have got on badly with General Rogers.

General Kiessling said he categorically denied all rumours about his private life, but had not had a proper chance yet to put the record straight. For this reason he had called for a disciplinary hearing against himself to bring the accusations out into the open.

The Bundeswehr does not discriminate against homosexuals in army entry. But homosexual activity amongst soldiers is not permitted and is ground for immediate dismissal. Private activities outside the army however are not seen as a breach of discipline.

Owen and Brooke the models for Nigerian strongman

Soldier-poet in seat of power

From Kenneth Mackenzie, Lagos

You wouldn't expect to find a poet in a military government. But a member of the Supreme Military Council which seized power in Nigeria on December 31 is Major-General Mamman Vatsa, who is well known as an author of children's books and as a poet.

In an interview with *The Times*, General Vatsa denied that there was any conflict or contradiction between the pursuance of an active military career and the practice of the gentler forms of literature.

"Sensitivity is necessary for a soldier", he said. It was part of the art of leadership to be continually conscious of the needs, morale and thoughts of those being led. "You have to be able to listen to men", he said.

He referred to the fine war poetry produced in Britain, particularly by writers of the first world war like Owen and Brooke. To the objection that they were not professional soldiers, he said that he was in a way a reluctant conscript to the army.

He emerged in the 1960s from a secondary school in Bida, Niger State, vaguely hoping to become a journalist, but when the army was desperately seeking officer material in its efforts to rid itself of British domination.

He has had a distinguished career, proving himself in battle during the Biafran war, taking a leading part in various training establishments and, most notably, commanding the Brigade of Guards, responsible for protecting the Head of State, from 1975 to 1979.

He is the only commander of the Brigade who has delivered his head of state – General Olusegun Obasanjo – safely home at the conclusion of a term of office. He jokes about it, but t is a fact that says much about Nigerian life at the top.



General Vatsa: "Sensitivity is necessary for soldiers"

He has published several slim volumes of verse, some aimed at children, simple but often touching, and some at adults, more dense and impassioned.

He has also written a volume in praise of the new capital being built at Abuja (his home territory) and, slightly to his embarrassment now, a translation into English verse of the Hausa poems of former President Shehu Shagari.

This is his first experience of government. To accusations from overseas (though not from anywhere in Nigeria) that the military has no moral right to take over simply because it has the guns, he replied that it was not a simple mater of the abrogation of power.

The Nigerian Army had shown that it did not want power. "But our main duty is the protection of the territorial integrity of Nigeria and of the safety and the lives of its citizens. These were at serious risk".

He mentioned the increasing breakdown of law and order and galloping inflation combined with shortages and economic stagnation. "Things had got out of the control of the politicians".

On the question of whether it was a pre-emptive coup to prevent more revolutionary action by younger officers, as has been widely alleged, General Vatsa said the army channels of communication with the lower ranks were open, as always, and their senior men were aware of how impossible life had become for the more junior.

To the accusation that soldiers do not understand economics, as has been shown by previous military governments, the general said that civilian politicians mostly did not have economic qualifications either.

False start to Colombo conference

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

The all-party talks aimed at providing a comprehensive settlement to Sri Lanka's dire communal strife got off to a false start yesterday in an effort to make attendance as comprehensive as possible. The delegates adjourned soon after they assembled at the Bandaranaike Memorial International conference hall in order to send a joint invitation to Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike's Sri Lanka Freedom Party to join them.

Mrs Bandaranaike, the former Prime Minister, is under the disability of having her civil rights withdrawn, and despite her earlier statements that the talks should take place with no preconditions, her party withdrew at the last moment. Last night the party said it would attend after all.

The talks will not reassemble until this afternoon. Also at the last minute President Junius Jayawardene invited representatives of Buddhist clergy and laity and of the Muslim community. The Buddhist clergy historically have been the most hostile to the aspirations of the Tamil community (who are mainly Hindu).

At the weekend the leader of the *Maha Sangha Sabha* – the Grand Clerical Assembly – the Venerable Palipane Chandananda, wrote to the President making clear the clergy's opposition to many Tamil hopes for unification of Tamil areas.

Mr A. Amirthalingam, leader of the Tamil United Liberation Front, the principal Tamil party, said yesterday that the President had no right to invite the Buddhists without consultating the other parties, but that the Front would not object.

Ousted Polish TV chief blames party vendetta

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Poland's flamboyant former television chief, on trial for corruption and mismanagement, has claimed in a biting final statement to the court that he is the victim of a political vendetta orchestrated by a disgruntled member of the Communist Party establishment.

Mr Maciej Szczepanski, who faces a possible 12-year jail term when the court delivers its verdict in the next few days, accused Mr Mieczyslaw Moczar, the former internal security chief (and a Politburo rival of party leaders Waldyslaw Gomulka and Edward Gierek) of waging a campaign against him. Because it was politically impossible to bring Mr Gierek to trial – though disgraced, he now lives quietly in a villa in Katowice – he, Szczepanski, was being made the scapegoat for all the mistakes of the 1970s, he said.

"I have been used in this trial as a substitute for all those holding power in the 1970s. . . . History does not know of a deposed leader being brought to trial for his errors, and that is supposed to be my function", Mr Szczepanski declared in his speech, which lasted several days. The full text has only just become available.

"I am convinced that my arrest and trial result from, and are one of the forms of, political struggle waged by Mr Moczar and his supporters, and later in August (1980) by the anti-socialist opposition at home, and abroad.

"Moczar had organized the opposition against Gierek because it was Gierek who twice prevented him in his bid for power. Moczar and his propagandists were trying to show me as a debauchee, squandering state money, having sex with coloured girls, and all the time having close contacts with Gierek and members of his team."

Mr Moczar was one of the most powerful Communist Party *apparatchiks* in the postwar period, helping to stir up an antisemitic campaign in 1968 as a means of challenging the leadership of Gomulka.

Under Mr Gierek, Gomulka's successor, Mr Moczar was edged sideways, out of his internal security role and Politburo position into the chairmanship of the Supreme Chamber of Control.

The Supreme Chamber of Control made six checks on the running of state television under Mr Szczepanski's rule but, the television chief claims, "the results were almost the same: nothing serious was reported, no changes were made and the prosecutor's office was never involved.

"Mr Moczar chose to remain silent about the television and use his material to discredit the Gierek leadership at a more opportune moment."

Mr Szczepanski admits in his final statement to having bent the rules, though he claims in the interests of a higher economic efficiency.

The television chief, whose job was one of the key propaganda functions in pre-Solidarity Poland, countered most of the accusations of abuse of funds by saying that his villas and his yacht were also used for recreational purposes by other employees of television, or in the case of the yacht, for training children to sail.

The court will decide this week whether the real Mr Szczepanski is Dr Jekyll or Mr Hyde.

THE[...]

The Devil's Lieutenant breaks new ground for British television: Peter Lewis reports

Authentic European

Fifteen captains of the general staff corps of the imperial army in Vienna each received through the post a box of capsules with a pharmacist's circular promising that they would enhance their sexual potency. The promise proved even more deceptive than usual; one officer tried out the sample and died in agony – the capsules contained cyanide. Although this happened in 1909, it is a famous Viennese scandal, discussed to this day. Was the young lieutenant accused of the murder the true culprit and, if so, was his motive desperation to receive promotion?

The episode is the basis for the television drama *The Devil's Lieutenant*, an exceptional European co-production to be shown on Channel 4 tonight and tomorrow. Many people, including the Emperor Franz-Josef himself, tried to get the investigation dropped, revealing as it did the casual sexual behaviour of the officer corps in Vienna. But by then it had turned into an obsessional psychological duel between the investigating officer, Captain Kunze, and his prime suspect, Lieutenant Dorfrichter (played in the film by the German actor Helmut Griem and by Ian Charleson, of *Chariots of Fire* fame). The Crown Prince Franz Ferdinand swore that, if Dorfrichter was convicted, he would order his release the moment the expected European war broke out – a promise he was unable to keep because of his previous appointment at Sarajevo.

The film sets the murder investigation against an evocation of an arthritic empire dominated by a military caste in the grip of terminal conservatism. It is keenly looking forward to the next war, which it proposes to fight without the unchivalrous aid of the internal combustion engine or wireless telegraphy. Oddly enough, the suspected lieutenant seems to be the only man in the army who is awake.

The film's stamp of authenticity in telling its true story is the result of painstaking attention to detail. It was shot in and around the surviving imperial buildings of Vienna and Prague. The names of the participants have been only slightly changed. The very cyanide capsules, pill-boxes and deadly circular are authentic, for the originals are preserved in Vienna's military archives by a bureaucracy which rarely throws anything away.

The multi-nationalism of the production breaks new ground for television. The two leading actors are German and British, the three leading actresses are Italian, French and English, and the other parts are taken by Austrians and Czechs. The crew was German, the music Austrian and the editor Swiss. And yet it is an English film, written in English by Jack Rosenthal and directed by John Goldschmidt, who insisted that English would be spoken at all times on the set. "Everyone accepted that. It would have been far more difficult to work in any other language."

The financing was shared between the German, Italian and French state networks and Channel 4. "It is the first European co-production in which there has been English participation on this scale", says Goldschmidt. "There have been co-productions in other languages but with the advent of Channel 4, which uses the same system of subcontracting film-making to independents, they can be made in English because one of the partners is English."

The advantage of multi-nationalism is partly authenticity and partly cost. It [...]se freelance actors [...]ruited locally than [...]ou. The film, filling [...]f viewing time, was [...]. It is also pre-sold, [...]ch helped finance it. [...]any of whom have [...]fered a dual-track [...]r German.

[...]dt might therefore [...]ritain's first Euro-[...]film in Vienna was, [...]ne. His father was [...]s brought up in the [...]fter school he spent [...]the cinema, until he [...]g under age and for [...]paying. On holiday [...]ded not to go back. [...]he Royal College of [...]d television and in [...] his way into the [...]a trainee electronic cameraman and editor, emerging with the all-important ticket.

John Goldschmidt: Britain's first Euro-director

Although mild-looking, mildly-spoken and mildly-bearded, he has weathered many a controversy in his television career. In his twenties he and his cameras found themselves in the thick of the Battle of Bogside while making a documentary on Bernadette Devlin. Later he turned in *Life for Christine*, an angry documentary on a 14-year-old girl in Holloway, and the award-winning film about a pools winner, *Spend, Spend, Spend*.

Recently he went to Germany to make films for the ZDF national network to avoid getting stereotyped. "I didn't want to film any more northern working-class ghettos." His two German films picked up awards at the Prix Italia and at Monte Carlo, which made his a reassuring name when finance was being raised for *The Devil's Lieutenant*.

Dance

Cinderella

Festival Hall

Poor Cinderella, her sister's a fella. Both sisters, actually. At least, that is how it goes in British versions of the Prokofiev ballet, although Russian productions let women play the roles (as, indeed, do the Cinderella ballets danced to Strauss and Rossini music by our northern companies). Playing them in drag allows a wilder knock-about comedy but less real drama.

Ben Stevenson's *Cinderella* for Festival Ballet, now at the Festival Hall and overlapping with Ashton's at Covent Garden, tries to compensate by putting more emphasis on the domestic relationships. He makes them punch and pummel their drudge, complain about the way she handles a broom and bully her father too – which gives Cinders a chance to win extra sympathy by bravely standing up for him.

Michael Pink and Nicholas Johnson played the Ugly Sisters at Monday's opening performance. They are less flamboyant than some we have seen, and that may be an advantage. Both of them manage very well the frequent falls, flat on their face or back, which figure prominently in the action.

In his handling of the story, Stevenson largely parallels Ashton's effects (given the same music, he could hardly do otherwise) but has found his own way of achieving them, with many nice touches. I like the expression of horror on the dressmaker's face when she discovers who her customers are, and the way the dancing master makes apparent his recognition that Cinderella would be a more apt pupil than her sisters.

When it comes to the dances, Stevenson is simply not in Ashton's class. But his ensembles, helped by Peter Farmer's pretty designs, although unmemorable are lively enough, and his brash solos are filled out by some vivacious performances, expecially from Koen Onzia as the bouncy Jester and the Misses Truglia, Mulligan, McKeadry and Calderini as the Seasons Fairies in the opening cast.

Patricia Ruanne, the very able, attractive and sympathetic Cinderella, was partnered on Monday by Mark Silver, a former Royal Ballet principal who has joined Festival Ballet to fill the vacancy caused by Jay Jolley's move to Covent Garden. Fair exchange is no robbery: Silver has a good presence, handsome appearance, quizzical smile and dashing manner.

John Percival

Opera

Where the W[...] Things Are

Lyttelton

Where, then, are [...] Things? For 20 year[...] stayed in engraved [...] on the pages o[...] Sendak's marvellou[...] book, one of those [...] children's books tha[...] actually enjoy. They [...] wondrously materia[...] stage creatures 8ft [...] whether they have [...] themselves into an [...] rather another matter.

The Wild Things' [...] ence, of course, is i[...] head of the boy M[...] invents them to execu[...] the same time con[...] fantasies of power. H[...] problem for any [...] realization. For the bo[...] is not much more [...] excuse. In the opera h[...] become the star, an[...] though the piece lasts [...] than 40 minutes, we [...] hear an awful lot of hi[...] fact that we also hear [...] brilliant, lively singing[...] Karen Beardsley is not [...] the point, for the opera [...] be more than beautiful: i[...] persuade us that it has cr[...] world at one with a si[...] old's imagination.

There are two diff[...] here. In the first pla[...]lt's view of a young child's [...]d is likely to be most [...]essful when it is least [...]erned with the child, since [...]can all recapture childhood [...]ressions of objects and [...]r people much more vividly [...] impressions of ourselves. [...] reason for the success of [...]*nfant et les sortilèges* is that [...] "sortilèges" claim much [...]e attention than the "en-[...]". And the same thing [...]pens in *Where the Wild* [...]*gs Are*, though in this case [...]st the work's intentions. [...]ax, who has nearly all the [...]ds and much of the music, [...]m:s no more than a [...]eless Peter Pan, an adult's [...]. The Wild Things, on the [...]r hand, are much more [...]esting, but they have no [...] of music or words: they [...]completely realized in Mr [...]ak's designs, which have [...] unbelievably well trans-[...] into three dimensions by [...] Fowler and his team.

[...]iver Knussen provides for [...] nonsense syllables in a [...]dy of modern hiccoughed [...]lise, as well as an artful, [...]mating orchestral score: the [...]parison with Ravel is, musically at least, quite apt. The trouble is that the music never seems particularly necessary.

This is the second difficulty. When Ravel wrote *L'Enfant et les sortilèges* there was still some kind of musical normality against which his fantastic extrapolations could be measured. By now, though, the very wildest things have been done in all seriousness, and the best that Knussen can achieve is a recreation of wild things from the past: two crucial moments, Max's coronation and his remembering of home, are stolen from *Boris Godunov* and from the Ravel opera, both of which impinge on the score throughout.

The result is very beautiful and precise, as concert performances have revealed, but it is not the bearer of a new dramatic world, even with spectacular help from the London Sinfonietta under the composer's direction, from Frank Corsaro's production and above all from the Wild Things themselves.

Paul Griffiths

Concert

Clarinet subtlety

Pay/Brown

St John's/Radio 3

The ninth and latest *Sequenza* by Luciano Berio was the central feature of the clarinetist Antony Pay's programme for Monday's BBC lunchtime concert at St John's, Smith Square, which can be heard again on Radio 3 next Sunday. The work differs from Berio's early items in this series, each written for a different solo instrument, in having been composed originally as *Chemins 5*, involving live electronics.

Berio was apparently dissatisfied with the electronic content, and detached the solo clarinet part, although whether this has been at all modified is unclear. In its present naked state, as it were, it derives its character from the contrast of rhythmic skips and sustained notes, and of soft murmurations and piercing arabesques.

Listening to the broadcast on newly acquired domestic equipment, I was conscious of the degree of subtlety as well as brilliance in Mr Pay's performance. His skill in phrasing as a means to expressive character was evident in Brahms's E flat Sonata, Op 120 No 2, the first two movements in particular. The final variations were unduly placid, and lacked character until the brisker ending.

For Brahms, the clarinetist was joined by Ian Brown at the piano, whose playing also enlivened Messager's *Morceau de Concours*, a competition work for the Paris Conservatoire which owes more than one debt to the composer's ballet *Les Deux Pigeons*. An unscheduled extra item was the second of five Dance Preludes by Lutoslawski, in which warmth and skill, intensity and balance, were beautifully poised.

Noël Goodwin

Television

Weighty matters

Mandibular fixation – no, not a sex-fetish, a neat little operation whereby the patient's jaws are wired together – was one of many facts unearthed by last night's **Brass Tacks** (BBC 2) which might have been calculated to make the viewer's jaw drop.

We saw a 16-stone woman take this metal vow of silence for a six-month period, as a last desparate throw in her fight against fat. We were told of the operation's exiguous success rate, and of the lengths to which some patients had been known to go in an attempt to circumvent it. One had taken to drinking eight pints of milk a day; another, more showily, had put some steak and chips through the blender and drunk the resultant puree through a straw.

The cameras dropped in on a celebratory lunch laid on by *Slimming Magazine* for its champions of the year. A pretty blonde was asked why she had begun. "When I saw a friend of mine and my husband making eyes at each other, and I knew what the eyes meant." How would she feel if she were to swell up again? "I think I'd jump off Reading Bridge." A former champion, interviewed shamefacedly at home, spoke of the joys of winning ("I even met Michael Parkinson") and of her present misery. "I've made a rod for my back by getting fat": a poignant metaphor for backsliding.

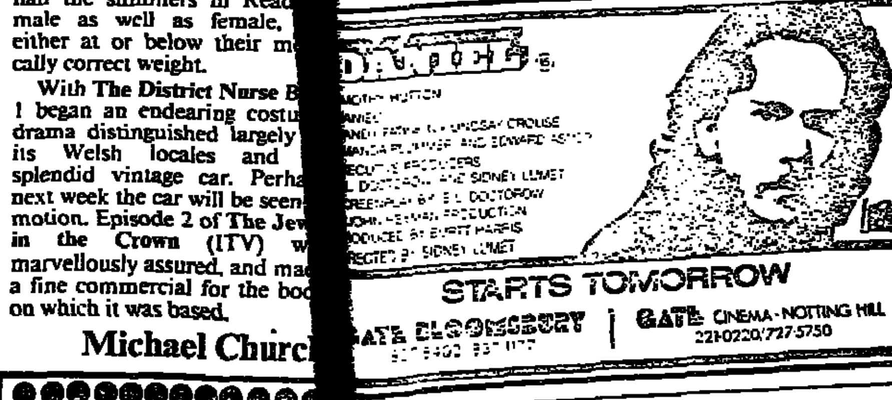
One of the numerous American slimmers' manuals prescribes a diet which gives chronic diarrhoea; another, preaching the efficacy of something it calls The Last Chance Diet, is still selling well despite the fact that its recipe has killed 50 people. One American was shown obediently swallowing a plastic bag on the end of a tube; the bag was inflated to make her hunger seem small, and the tube was trained out of her nose and looped artistically over her ear. An unfortunate woman called Mrs Ayling, seriously ill after a by-pass operation ("I wanted to get nice dresses, [...] something"), was shown h[...] her stomach stapled tog[...]

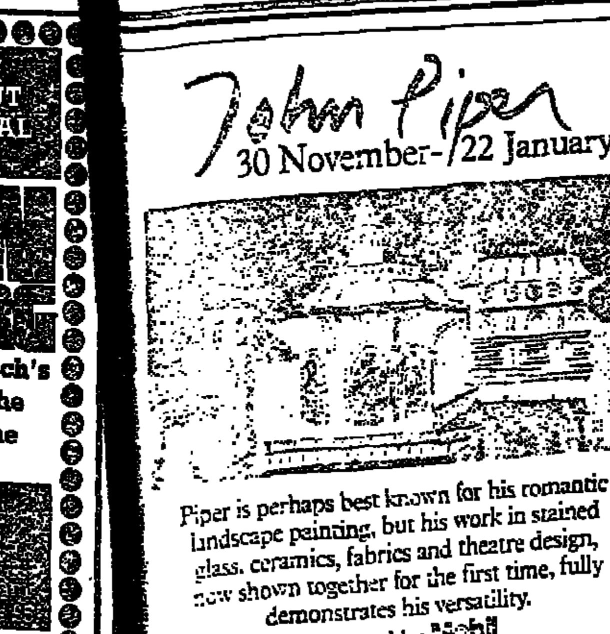
F-planners, aerobic [...] and a host of assorted *q*[...] cried their wares; a spokes[...] for the food industry expla[...] why calorific labelling, com[...] in America, cost too muc[...] happen here. All very stra[...] and largely unnecessary: as [...] programme observed, ne[...] half the slimmers in Read[...] male as well as female, [...] either at or below their m[...]cally correct weight.

With **The District Nurse** B[...] I began an endearing costu[...] drama distinguished largely [...] its Welsh locales and [...] splendid vintage car. Perha[...] next week the car will be seen [...] motion. Episode 2 of **The Jew**[...] **in the Crown** (ITV) w[...] marvellously assured, and ma[...] a fine commercial for the bo[...] on which it was based.

Michael Churc[...]







"Guernica" has come home – albeit behind bullet-proof glass and Picasso tote bags. After Franco's war and peace, Elaine Attias finds that democracy and culture in Spain are both struggling to make up for lost time.



Rebirth of the arts in Spain today, by Richard Fletcher after Picasso's *Guernica*

Regild[illegible]g a nation's golden age

The queues at the entrance to the Prado Museum stretch half-way around the block. An exhibition of "The Life and Thought of Karl Marx" is featured at the Biblioteca Nacional. *Ederra*, a surrealist play reflecting sympathetically on Basque nationalism, is packing them in at the Teatro Espagnol. And *Guernica* has come home, protected by bullet-proof glass in Philip IV's seventeenth-century palace where young women are busily selling Picasso tote bags in the museum shop.

After a devastating civil war, followed by almost 40 years of repressive Franco rule, the young Spanish democracy is struggling to make up for lost time.

Just a year ago the moderate socialist party of Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez won its overwhelming parliamentary majority. What does the new government mean for the cultural life of the nation whose glorious Golden Age once gave the world Cervantes, Lope de Vega, Velazquez, El Greco, Goya?

In 1968, when Enrique Gomez Acebo opened a tiny gallery to show abstract paintings, he could never have dreamed that one day the prime minister of Spain would choose a work of one of his young artists to present to President Ronald Reagan.

"In the old days, what would they have given to a head of state?" he asks. "A silver ashtray!" Acebo recalls that just a few years ago Spanish students had to organize bus trips to Paris or Amsterdam to see the works of their fellow countrymen, Miro and Picasso.

"Culture", he says, "was never important to the fascists. Except in a negative sense."

Acebo feels considerable credit must be given to Sp[illegible] constitutional monarch, King J[illegible]arlos, and his Queen Sophia. [illegible] is hardly a concert or an ope[illegible] even by very young artists – [illegible] they do not attend."

Teenagers, tou[illegible] schoolchildren, men and women [illegible] ages crowd at the entrance to the [illegible]. Spain's great repository of [illegible]istic heritage. Under new g[illegible]ent policies, admission for Sp[illegible]s is free, and the museum has [illegible]ranted a 50 per cent budget incre[illegible]d its first truly independent boa[illegible]ustees.

Manuela Mena [illegible]outhful deputy director, is ready [illegible]ave for Paris to discuss future ex[illegible]e programmes. She is pleased w[illegible]ain's new active role in the intern[illegible]l art world. Her studies and trips [illegible]d in the 1970s had pinpointed [illegible] the country's isolation and cult[illegible]ckwardness.

"We are reall[illegible]ving a kind of cultural revolutio[illegible]on't think it is a matter of sociali[illegible]'s an explosion of culture. I think [illegible]ay again have a period like the [illegible]." She speaks of the Surrealists, Dali and Miro, Picasso, Buñuel [illegible]n. Pablo Casals, the philosopher [illegible]guel Unamuno and José Ortega [illegible]asset, the poets Antonio Mach[illegible] and Frederico Garcia Lorca w[illegible]ourished in the brief life of the [illegible]blic (1931-1939), when Spain w[illegible] opened to the twentieth centur[illegible].

In 1936 Gene[illegible]rancisco Franco, aided by his N[illegible]nd Fascist allies, took up arms [illegible]ainst the young democracy. Th[illegible]rutality of the Spanish Civil [illegible] shocked and revolted the wo[illegible] Nearly a million died, and follow[illegible] Franco's victory, 400,000 fled the [illegible]ntry.

In an histori[illegible]urn-about, democratic Spain is today sanctuary for artists and writers seeking refuge from repressive regimes in Argentina and Chile.

Pablo Casals settled in Puerto Rico, and like Picasso was never to return. Juan Ramón Jiménez won his Nobel Prize for poetry in exile. Andrés Segovia remained away for years as did Ortega y Gasset. It was rumoured that Buñuel secretly returned in disguise every year to participate in an ancient masked festival in his native village.

In Franco's last years, the most virulent forms of cultural repression softened. Franco wanted to be part of Europe's growing prosperity; a modicum of respectability seemed essential.

"For those who wrote and those who spoke it was bad right up until the day Franco died", said Gloria Garcia Lorca, the artist niece of the great Andalusian poet whose murder by Franco came to be seen as the supreme sacrificial symbol of the civil war's brutal madness.

Born and raised in the United States where her professor father had gone in exile, she has gone to live in Spain. "The Gonzalez government", she believes, "is taking up where the Republic left off."

In charge of the government's new cultural programmes is its minister of culture, Javiar Solana Madariaga, 41, a professor of physics and a former Fullbright scholar. His offices are in an enormous concrete structure which formerly housed the ministry of tourism.

Solana speaks of "a constellation of crises, economic, and ideological", which he feels confront all societies today. "An enormous effort at understanding and imagination is required. And not just here in Spain."

He says that the ministry of education now ties with public works for top claim on the Socialist budget. His own ministry has received a 21 per cent budget increase over last year. But are there misgivings about the very existence of a ministry of culture in a democratic society?

Solana shrugs good humouredly. "I know the philosophic position that the best thing for governments to do is to do nothing. But I don't agree. Governments, of course, cannot produce culture. That must come from society. But governments can create a nourishing atmosphere."

Solana plans to introduce art and music education into the school system "on the same level as maths". He is committed to building libraries in every community with a population of 2,000 or more. The number of books per capita in Spain is a shocking 0.4 compared to Sweden's 4.7.

The cultural influence of the South Americans is very important in Spain. "Their writers are so good", one novelist said, "it's very hard for us to compete." Solana recently conducted a week-long international symposium in Madrid for Hispanic writers and artists "to explore common identities".

Julien Marias, scholar and historian, has travelled widely. In South America, he says, he never feels like a stranger. "A foreigner, but not a stranger."

Marias is one of the anti-Franco intellectuals who remained in the country after Franco's victory. He was jailed for a short period, released, and managed to write a very large number of historical and philosophic works.

Reflecting on the many cultural changes he has witnessed, Marias reflects that Spain was never a wasteland even during the Franco years, when so many of its greatest minds had left. "Artists and writers continue to work, even in the most difficult times." Marias, alone among those whom I met, complained about the firing of most of the directors of Spain's major cultural institutions following the Socialist victory. The others seemed to assume it was inevitable. "You must be able to trust those with whom you work", one explained.

Marias is not altogether comfortable with this explanation. Perhaps cultural institutions could be attached to the monarchy, he suggests. "Intellectual life likes best to be left alone. I don't very much like interference with culture even if it has good intentions."

Will Spain's new cultural revolution translate into a new Golden Age? In the first heady days of democracy there was much talk of it.

Antonio Callabero, art editor of the influential magazine *Cambio 16*, acknowledges the tremendous burst of cultural activity and the public's demonstrable hunger for art. So far, he says, he's not very impressed with the product. "I see little real innovation."

"When I was younger", says novelist Soledad Puertoles, "Franco was still in power and I felt I had to do something to fight it. So I wrote in Socialist realism, which I didn't really like. With freedom, you can write what you really want. You can discover who you are."

She says that she was never among those who expected a Golden Age so quickly.

"Creativity is too complicated for that. The big difference in Spain is that the new changes are beginning to convince people that the future belongs to everybody."

moreover... Miles Kington

A message from Lord Tinsel, head of the government-funded Christmas Advisory Council.

Hello. We at the Christmas Advisory Council hope you had a good Christmas.

If you did, we can take some of the credit. It was us who urged the police to go out and breathalyse lots of sober people to make the figures look better. We it was who arranged for Christmas to be on Sunday. Us was it who disguised ourselves as photographers at Sandringham just to get Fleet Street excluded.

But enough of boasting, if such a thing were possible. Now we must ask you to obey certain guidelines in clearing up after Christmas. Did you know that over 13.5 per cent of all festive period-related accidents occur in the post-Twelfth situation? Nor did we, but apparently they do, so we must ask you all to obey the following 12-point code.

1. Dispose of all Christmas cards, having first made a note of the names and addresses of people who sent them, especially those to whom you did not send one. Burning is best, as throwing them away simply places more strain on our already overworked social services. (See HMSO leaflet: "Our Already Overworked Social Services".)
2. Christmas trees are a fire hazard in anyone's language. (In French, for instance, it's called *risque d'incendie*, which just goes to show we really know what we're talking about.) So before you throw them away, pour water over them. Then set fire to them. They will smoulder damply and then go out, which is safe in any language. *Sicher*, in German, etc.

NB If your tree has roots on it, then plant it again. In fact, why not take a trip up the M1 and replant it in the very same plantation from which you stole it in the first place? Fair's fair.

3. Christmas decorations should be deassembled and put away in small boxes in the store room. The boxes should be marked XMAS DECORATIONS. The store room should be marked STORE ROOM. You still won't find them again next year, but this is what you should do.
4. Christmas tree lights can also be put away, but it is better to put them to use within the national economy – why not hire them out to some establishment that uses coloured Christmas lights all the year around, such as a filling station or post-nuclear regional HQ? (Send for our free leaflet: "Decorating a Nuclear Shelter".)
5. Any unexploded Christmas crackers *should not be handled*. The explosives may have become unstable. Send for the Bomb Squad, Festive Division, and get them to do a controlleed explosion. (A controlled explosion is one which blows up everything in the vicinity. See our leaflet: "Do Not Read This Leaflet – Send for the Bomb Squad Instead".)
6. Any left-over mottos or jokes from Christmas crackers which seem to contain grammatical errors or wrongly used words should be sent to Philip Howard, c/o this paper. He will pay well.
7. Any videotapes of the Queen's Christmas message should be wiped immediately, as this is strictly illegal. Send for our free video: "How To Wipe The Queen", plus an extra £10 for any old movie you may have missed over Christmas.
8. With the Christmas season over, many young turkeys are now roaming the countryside in desperate need of food and water. It is kindness to leave out a bowl of water and a dish of chestnut stuffing.
9. Difficult Christmas quizzes should now be abandoned. The latest figures show that quizzes in upmarket papers and magazines cause up to 6 per cent of all mental illness in the United Kingdom. (Why not sent up for our free leaflet: "Those Quizzes – the Answers!"?)
10. Don't forget – tomorrow is the last posting date for first class 1984 Christmas mail to South Georgia, rebel-controlled Afghanistan and rural parts of Alderney.

IMPORTANT. You may have noticed that this 12-point code was in fact a 10-point code. This is because Christmas in 1984 is going Metric. Out goes Twelfth Night – in comes Tenth Night! Out go the Twelve Days of Christmas, and in come the Ten! For more details, send up for our leaflet: "Another Quango Makes Totally Unnecessary Changes".

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas, 1984?

Jan Morris concludes her visit to China, and remains a wondering outsider

The bored quarter of the Earth

All the prawns in China couldn't cure the stresses of history; the real malaise of Peking, I came to think, was its domination by an ideology so all-pervading, so arbitrary, in many ways so honourable, but apparently so inconstant, which can change the very way the nation thinks from one year to another.

Today, it is liberal and welcoming. Chinese tradition is honoured, people are free to wear what they like, consort with foreigners if they will, sell their ducks in a free market and even build themselves houses with the profits. Yesterday, it was puritanically narrow, the revolutionary condition was permanent, aliens were devils, Mao caps and floppy trousers were *de rigueur*, angry activists with stepladders and paintbrushes all went down that covered way at the Summer Palace, expunging pictures of unprogressive myth. And tomorrow, when another generation succeed[illegible] domination, everything may b[illegible] different again, and all the [illegible]s so painstakingly absorbed [illegible] the public consciousness ma[illegible]ve to be ripped out of mind on[illegible]re.

There is a blankness [illegible] this despotism. What is it? W[illegible] is it? Is it the people we see o[illegible] the TV news, smiling benev[illegible]ly at visiting delegates, or is it [illegible]ndrels out of sight? Is it noble a[illegible]t heart, or rotten? Is it genial Deng [illegible]iaoping, or some up-and-coming [illegible]ant we have never heard of? If [illegible] climb to the top of Jing Shan ("[illegible] hill"), the ornamental mount o[illegible]hich the last of the Ming emper[illegible] hanged himself from a locust tre[illegible]ou may look down upon a string [illegible] pleasure lakes. Their northern wa[illegible] within the Behai park, are al[illegible] always with pleasure craft, a[illegible] their lakeside walks are alway[illegible] crowded. The southern lakes look [illegible]ead and sterile. No rowboats skim their surfaces. No lovers take each other's photographs. The buildings on their banks, contained within high walls, look rich but tightly shuttered, and only occasionally do you glimpse a big, black car snaking its way down to Chang'an.

This is where that despotism resides. Behind those walls, beside those silent lakes, the condition of the Chinese is decided, whether by cynical opportunists shacked up with girls and Japanese electronics or by sombre philosophers bent over their calligraphy. The compound is called Zhongnanhai, and if it all looks numb from Jing Shan, it must really be full of gigantic thrust and calculation. Its main entrance is to the south, with tilted eaves and two great guardian lions. The red flag flies bravely on a mast outside, and within the gate an inner wall – the "spirit wall" of old China – is inscribed with the cabalistic text SERVE THE PEOPLE. You cannot see past it, though. Two armed sentries stand there, with two more watchful over their shoulders. They look distinctly unwelcoming, even to Foreign Guests, as they stare motionless and expressionless into the street, and sure enough, when I asked them if I could take a stroll inside Zhongnanhai, they seemed to think not.

But Zhongnanhai is only authority for the moment – a few years ago it was the private preserve of Mao's widow, Jiang Qing, chief witch of the Gang of Four and now locked up forever. Power in Peking runs much deeper than that, is endemic to the very existence of the city. When the summons came to me at last, I knew better where to go.

From the top of Jing Shan, a dead-straight axis runs from north to south – or, as the Chinese say, from south to north – through the centre of the city. This is the line of Chinese power. It is like one of those energy-leys that visionaries profess to find in Europe, conveying the earth-force century after century from mountain to megalith. From the pavilion on the hill, it runs steeply down to the entrance of Jing Shan Park (posters of criminals, placards around their necks, stuck up as a public example) and over a wide highway and across that moat where the singers sing at dawn and through a great flowery gateway, the Gate of Inspired Military Genius, into the Forbidden City of the Emperors.

This is only a museum now, but it retains the numen of absolute command – a walled city in itself, a matchless assembly of palaces, temples, gardens and gazebos for the exaltation of one single man, the only Son of Heaven, the chieftain of China. Marvellous objects litter our path through this fabulous enclave: grimacing lions of gilded bronze; huge sculpted tortoises; incense burners; ancient, crinkled rocks. Now the way opens into a noble courtyard, speckled with green grass; now it narrows into a staircase or passes through some tall, gilded hall or pauses upon a belvedere or crosses a running stream. Here is the Palace of Heavenly Purity, and here the Palace of Earthly Tranquillity, and here the Hall of Supreme Harmony itself, where, surrounded by gold and vermilion, seated on an immense carved throne amid dimmed lights and incense, the emperor looked down.

But wait! The line goes on. Down the monumental steps – through the Meridian Gate, where the emperor, reviewing parades of prisoners, decided there and then which should be decapitated – under that Gate of the Heavenly Peace, Tien An Men, which every good Chinese would wish to see before he dies – and suddenly, the prospect opens into a plaza a hundred times, a thousand times as big as anything the Manchus knew.

It is the forum of the new China, Tien An Men Square, the greatest square on earth, where an army could be massed, where all the kites in the world could fly, where a million people can gather to cheer their leaders.

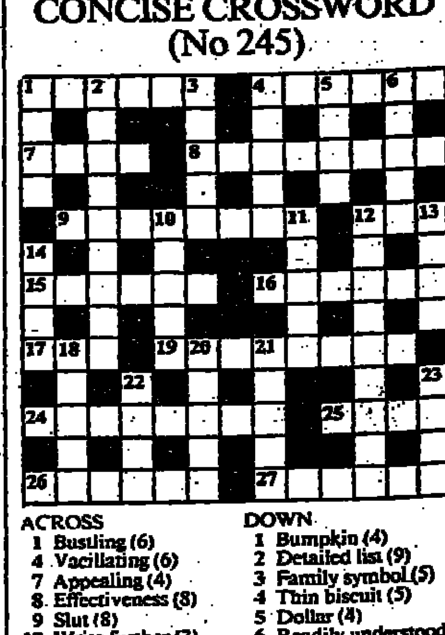
Nothing, not even in Peking, is quite so utterly concrete as Tien An Men Square. Across it, Chang'an runs mercilessly east and west. On each side of it are monstrous buildings in the Revolutionary Heroic manner, all columns and swollen symmetry – the Museum of History on the east, and on the west, the Great Hall of the People, which was built by 25,000 labourers in ten months and is bigger than all the buildings of the Forbidden City put together. In the centre of the square towers the obelisk of the People's Heroes Monument. At the southern end, immense but squat, stands the foursquare Mausoleum of Mao Tse-tung, looking back in vindication past obelisk and Great Hall to the gate from which, on October 1, 1949, Mao himself, the Great Helmsman, proclaimed the new Heaven and the new Earth. Morose sentries stand guard at each corner of this tomb, wearing sandals or baseball shoes. There are gigantic, sculpted panels of peasants resurgent, soldiers victorious, and inside, behind a towering effigy of himself, Mao lies in a crystal coffin, embalmed, he hopes, for all the ages.

But wait again! The line ends not with Mao Tse-tung! Past the mausoleum, though the Qian Men Gate, straight as a die, the power force flows through the Outer City to the Temple of Heaven in the south. Three times a year, in old Peking, the emperor journeyed to this holy place to communicate with his only superiors, the gods themselves. All windows were shuttered for his passing, and the city was plunged into silence. And though we ourselves can take the Number 116 bus down there, still a mighty suggestion of celestial collusion awaits us there, as it awaited him. After sundry rites and sacrifices in the temple complex, it was his duty to ascend the Circular Mound, built in arcane configurations of the number nine, there to seal the intimate association between this city and the ultimate source of all authority, Destiny itself.

We will do the same. Up those terraces we go, to the wide, round platform at the top, and on the slab in the very centre we will stand like the Son of Heaven before us and speak aloud to the gods. "All Power Is Illusion!" we may impertinently choose to cry, and instantly, by some eerie manipulation of the acoustics, we find ourselves surrounded by the sound of it – *Power, Power, Illusion, Illusion!* – embracing us within the echo of our own thoughts and making us feel that we really do stand at the bottom of a cylinder reaching directly from that stone on the mound in Peking, China, to the emperor or chairman of all things.

Some of the many faces that are China today

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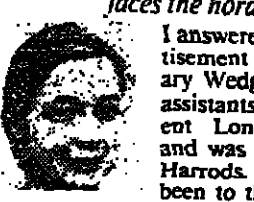
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WEDNESDAY PAGE

DIARY OF A JOB HUNTER



In which Sarah Foot, Exeter University 1980-83, BA 2:1 History, faces the hordes on the first day of Harrods' sale



I answered an advertisement for temporary Wedgwood sales assistants in different London stores and was required in Harrods. I had never been to the first day of Harrods' sale before. Having seen TV recordings of the occasion, I had not initially intended going this year. On imparting this news of my job location, my interviewer felt it necessary to reassure herself of my job motivation. I would be working in very high temperatures – smelling salts had been provided in the summer. I would have no time for a coffee break. Indeed I would have no time to sit down or think but it would be an experience, proving a true test of stamina.

This was an accurate job description. She only failed to mention the test upon any diplomatic skills I might possess. In persuading all nationalities that, although they had been waiting half an hour, although they even had a Harrods' account, if they wanted to purchase glass they had joined the wrong queue and would have to wait again, I did encounter opposition.

Serving those with limited English was less taxing. Whilst standing amidst piles of china, with people wrestling to reach my cash desk, I was spared being told of the need for greater organization or having to engage in bargaining over the price of a coffee pot lid minus the receptacle itself. (I had spent much of the previous day taping lids to pots, cups to saucers in an attempt to put a stop to this sort of activity.)

With the non-English speaking I could resort to a form of sign language and confidently assume that they were no less confused than me. Clambering over wire shopping baskets of plates in a hunt for new pens – someone walked away with mine – competing for use of the telephone to sanction credit card payments, seeking the elusive calculator and searching for the relevant account and export forms were not activities conducive to clear thought.

Experience of racecourse betting would have been of value when engaging in the mathematical acrobatics required for these export forms. One man who must have been considering establishing a restaurant in Japan severely tested not only my skills in mental arithmetic. He intended buying every single item we possessed in a certain design, forty 12-inch plates, twenty-five 10-inch plates etc. Having added up this colossal bill – the calculator had disappeared again – he suddenly scuttled away muttering something in poor English about "big mistake, big mistake".

I must have been totally preoccupied in my work, for I was rather surprised to learn that I had been on the scene of an event which made front page news that evening. I had failed to notice a woman emerging from a dispute over a dinner service with a bleeding nose.

No doubt a great deal was at stake last Friday. People who were obviously unused to running exerted ungainly efforts to reach the Wedgwood tables. One woman was noticeably afraid of being photographed. Fortunately for all the cameramen stationed behind the rather precarious piles of meat platters and soup tureens – I had been stacking them the day before – these tables were reinforced with steel to withstand great pressure. I received heartfelt thanks for working five minutes after six o'clock from an American whose marriage seemed to depend upon him acquiring a particular teapot and milk jug.

He did wish me "a very nice day", but I found there was not much left of it. I had been a little premature in congratulating myself on my stamina. Unlike some of my colleagues I was not afflicted with a headache. I only had backache. The strict sexual stereotyping for which I had been very grateful prior to the sale – my most strenuous activity had been ripping piles of newspapers in half – was no longer in force and I was suffering from the effects of shifting deadweights of china.

Once I reached the Underground however, I clearly looked so exhausted that for the first time in my life somebody offered me his seat. I had also intended waiting up to see if I had made my debut on television, but I fell asleep by the time the news began.

Sarah Foot

The high-living fa[illegible]dy

Alan Franks tells how Brooke Knapp conquered a fear of flying to become a record breaker

Question Number One to Brooke Knapp has to be something about standing in direct line of descent from Amelia Earhart, Amy Johnson and other airborne heroines. It is what everyone seems to ask her these days, and she is getting frankly, if politely, bored with it. I fell for the temptation myself. It seemed fair under the circumstances, since she is between record flight attempts, and on that particular day had just nipped over from Paris for a few hours.

Her style of dress should have been enough to show that Ms Knapp is from a different mould. She was wearing a black knee-length leather skirt, a leopard-skin waistcoat, and carrying under one arm a rather exaggerated bowler hat, which would have been the first casualty in an open cockpit. With the blonde tresses and looks that are quite as striking, in a classic American way, as this photo suggests, there may just have been something rather arch about this *little* touch of male parody.

If this sounds like a sexist approach to a bona fide aviatrix, bear in mind that it is in part her own approach as well. There is scarcely an article about her record flights, even in the most impenetrable of technical journals, which does not in some way peg itself to her "film star looks" and cosmic silver, figure-hugging flying suits. It may not be her fault that she was born to be a stunner, or to become an over-achiever in the most spectacular West Coast tradition.

But the important thing is that Ms Knapp, as a devout Reaganite, knows the publicity value of making the most of what you've got.

The whole purpose of these flights in the first instance was to give Ms Knapp, as a businesswoman (president of Jet Airways Inc.), credibility in the market place, and if that entails straddling the fuselage of a six-seater like a disco dancer, then so be it. Can you believe that she would attract the international coverage which has come her way over the past couple of years if she had been just another thrusting male entrepreneur with an airline to run? Unlikely.

On February 13, the weather and the Russians permitting, Brooke Knapp plans to take off from Washington on an eight-leg journey round the world in a Gulfstream Three jet. She aims to complete the course in 46 hours, more than one hour below the existing record. Two months ago she broke the transpolar record of 54 hours and seven minutes, set up by a Pan Am Boeing 747SP, which had stood for six years. At the age of 38, she now has to her name several dozens of aviation records, although some, relating to the lesser legs of greater journeys, must be taken with a pinch of salt.

Statistics are all very well, but as any English person knows, they stand on the wrong side of lies and damned lies. The truly interesting thing about this woman is that five short years ago she had an aparently insuperable fear of flying. Although her husband is an accomplished pilot, not to mention the chairman of the Financial Corporation of America, she herself could not stomach the thought of going up in a plane. It was a phobia that tallied ill with her self-image as an American whose life was not to be trammelled by personal limitations.

Exacly what did this fear consist of? "Oh, I guess I was just worried about falling or burning. I don't know. Well, I made a determination that I didn't want any limitations in my life. Everyone has limitations which they can't do anything about. For example, I'm an American, I can't help that."

But surely she didn't regret that?

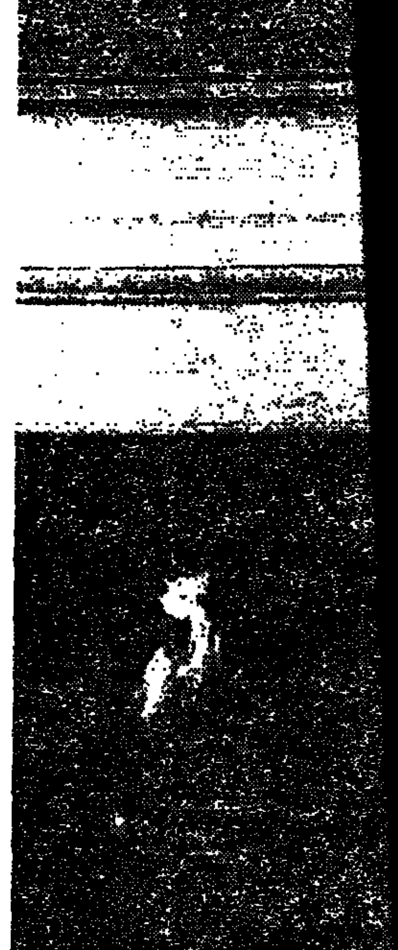
"Oh, good heavens, no. Far from it. What I'm saying is that there are some limitations, like monetary or physical ones, which it *is* possible to change. It may be fear, fear of anything, is possible to change. it may be fear of success, or fear of failure."

Even for Brooke Knapp, who as a stockbroker had already excelled in a man's world, the theory was simpler than the practice. "Sure, I decided this fear thing was ridiculous. So I took some flying lessons. You know, I missed half of them, and for the other half I showed up 45 minutes late, and said: 'We'll do some ground school. Can't we do some more ground school?' I must hold the record (that word again) for the number of training hours before a solo flight.

"You ask when it all changed. OK, I can tell you. It was when we had to do what we call a Round Robin. This meant doing a solo flight from Santa Monica to Bakersfield to Santa Maria. Now, between Santa Monica and Bakersfield there's a mountain range of about 5,000ft. Not that high, is it, but to me it was a great wall. I just couldn't do it. I landed in an airfield and I phoned up a friend and just wept. He said words to the effect of 'Get yer arse back into that plane', so I did. I took off again and headed for Bakersfield.

"We have a phrase in flying called 'automatic rough', which means that when you are going over mountains or water you hear the engine making strange noises, as if it's about to cut out, and it's all in the mind. I've never heard so much automatic rough as I did then. When I landed, I said to the first official I saw there: 'Please sign my log book. *Please* sign my log book', just to prove to myself I'd done it. I was elated. From that time on, I've had no fear – absolutely none."







Brooke Knapp: big business i[illegible] flying suit

The impression one gets is of a woman for whom positive thinking started as a means of overcoming a social and physical deficiency, but for whom this same force has now pushed her to its logical extreme. Today her company runs a fleet of [illegible]ys more than 20 [illegible] she still finds the [illegible]

[illegible] has no children, [illegible] want any. "We [illegible]y husband's first [illegible]cided early on not [illegible] couldn't do it. It [illegible] responsibility.

[illegible] at a meeting right [illegible]sked him what he [illegible]o, he'd tell you: 'I [illegible] fly and I haven't [illegible] Seriously, there [illegible] problems for him [illegible]n't understand in [illegible]o people can run [illegible]es and still get on. [illegible]ency can breed [illegible]w. Fortunately we [illegible]f the brokerage [illegible]hen we meet after a [illegible] very stimulating to [illegible]51 Mustang. He's mu[illegible] the romance of flyi[illegible]igh technology is wha[illegible] An inversion of the [illegible] say? Why, yes, I sup[illegible]

FIRST PERSON

Paradise paused

The aircraft lands at Ringway Airport at 4.30 pm. In just a few hours we have been transported from the peaceful life of a Swiss village, hidden high in the mountains, to the noisy madness of Manchester. We had eaten breakfast on the balcony of a 300-year-old chalet, looking over a garden packed with brilliantly-coloured flowers and the remnants of summer fruit and vegetables. The nearest chalet was at the far end of a long field, newly-cut to provide winter feed for the cows which would soon come down from the higher slopes. Distant snow-covered peaks caught the early morning sun and almost the only sound was from the church clock ringing out the quarter hours.

We eat dinner in our small inner city flat from where, if we look, we can see a patch of dusty, lifeless garden, separated from a dozen other patches by overgrown privet. The sound of the neighbour's television wafts faintly through the wall and passing traffic provides a continuous background hum.

Yet it is only by living in this flat, with its low rent and low bill, that we can occasionally swap it for a roomy chalet with exquisite views from every shuttered window; only by travelling around on foot or by bike that we can afford the air fare to our particular Garden of Eden. Shopping around for the cheapest, yet most nourishing, food in England makes possible the extra pennies on most Swiss prices, plus the luxuries of mouth-watering cheeses and chocolates.

We willingly forfeit a night out with friends over here to enjoy one more meal of steaming *raclette* – a dish of potatoes and melted cheeses – with friends over there, chattering in a mixture of French, German and English. Only by working temporarily can we "contract out" of the employment market for a month or so at a time. For there's a price to be paid for everything, so they say, and the muck and mayhem of Manchester is well worth it for an occasional glimpse of paradise.

Kathryn Selby

TOMORROW

Profile of Frank Bough, breakfast television's favourite uncle

The other Mrs Gandhi reinforces a woman's pl[illegible] at the top

Maneka Gandhi, Mrs Gandhi's rebellious daughter-in-law, caused a stir within India's ruling political dynasty with this week's announcement that she would stand for parliament against her brother-in-law Rajiv. Michael Hamlyn reports

Swathed in a shawl over a pink Punjabi costume, Mrs Maneka Gandhi, leader of India's newest political party, hunched against the chill of a Delhi January.

Houses in this part of the world have no heating to speak of, and the rented house with borrowed furniture was a sad come down from the prime ministerial splendour of No 1 Safdarjung Road. She used to live there when her husband Sanjay, the favoured son of Mrs Indira Gandhi, was alive. But was tossed into the street amid popping flash guns after publicly falling out with her mother-in-law.

She smiled: "That's the trouble with starting from the top, you never get a chance to learn." She was talking about her late husband's road haulage firm, Rajdhani Traders, which she has taken over and is making a less than successful attempt to run. The 22 lorries she inherited are now down to four – "We had a lot of taxes to pay ... I knew nothing about business and I had to handle it on my own," she said.

Starting at the top in politics however is no disadvantage, even to someone who was a complete tyro while her husband was alive.

"I wasn't anything myself", she admitted, "I was a courier or message carrier." She became involved to the extent of running a small political magazine virtually single-handededly, and looking after Sanjay's political interests when he was in jail during the Janata rule.

Sanjay and his friends felt that they represented a new force in politics, the force of youth. They saw themselves as different because they were young, born of a technological and more efficient age, and they knew the future was theirs.

When he died in a plane crash his friends wanted to continue to oppose the gerontocracy of both ruling and opposition parties, and persuaded Maneka to join them.

The sub-continent is full of examples of sons taking over their father's political empires and, despite the backwardness of most attitudes to women, of daughters and widows taking over too. Mrs Indira Gandhi is herself an example, introduced by her father Pandit Nehru as President of Congress, when no one had regarded her as being anything but a rather shy hostess in her father's house.

In Sri Lanka Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike came out from among the tea-cups when her husband died, and became the formidable leader of his party and country. Today, Begum Nusrat Bhutto and her daughter Benazir are the leaders of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's party in Pakistan. Begum Khalida Zia, widow of General Ziaur Rahman, leads his old party in Bangladesh, and Shaikh Hasina Wajed leads the Awami League, which her father, Shaikh Mujibur Rahman, built.

Name recognition is vitally important in politics here just as everywhere else in the world. In the West, name recognition can come quickly to new people or parties because of the all-pervasive nature of the mass media. Here the mass media scarcely touch most of the people: newspapers and magazines are read by a tiny minority; radio and television are in the hands of the ruling parties. So when a name has been laboriously built by exhausting political action in the streets, at public meetings and in elections the other bearers of that name can take advantage of it without the cost of such energy.

This is one of the principal reasons why many people in the Congress Party are looking to Rajiv Gandhi to carry on winning elections for them after Mrs Gandhi steps down. It also explains why a 27-year-old widow with the looks and voice of a schoolgirl has had such a success in establishing a political party, which may yet be a potent force.

Mrs Maneka Gandhi startled all the political pundits when she campaigned for the opposition party in Andhra Pradesh at the end of 1982. In return for her campaign in 75 constituencies fought by Mr N T Rama Rao's Telegu Desam, she was offered five seats for the newly formed Platform for Sanjay's Thought, the Sanjay Vichar Manch. While Mr Rama Rao swept to an overwhelming victory the Manch seized four of the seats and lost the fifth by only 800 votes.

Four months later Maneka stepped before the cameras again to announce the formation of a national political party, the Rashtriya Sanjay Manch, the national Sanjay platform. Two MPs and seven members of state legislative assemblies joined the party and Delhi looked forward to further resignations and defections to it.

But nothing more happened to excite the capital's newspapers and people betan to write off the Manch as a flash in the pan.

"Political pundits in this country, if they don't see something immediately [illegible] they don't see some[illegible] of their eyes in Delhi [illegible] telling them the party [illegible]remely well in Uttar [illegible]ihar or Madhya Pradesh [illegible] said. "We have been [illegible]r party steadily."

The [illegible]st week in Uttar Pradesh [illegible] Manch seized one of the [illegible]s in the series of by-ele[illegible] north India. The win w[illegible]st in any of the Delhi [illegible] though the local papers [illegible]orting the likely success[illegible] candidate. The Manch [illegible]d in two other constit[illegible] gained 58,000 votes [illegible]hey fought. The most [illegible]ed opposition groupi[illegible]d Front, led by Mr Ch[illegible]ar of the Janata party, g[illegible],000 votes.

Next [illegible] Manch holds its first an[illegible]e meeting, and Maneka [illegible] task of turning them to [illegible]xt big test they face, the [illegible] general election.

It see[illegible] that her party will ente[illegible]es this year. She was in [illegible] the first two oppositi[illegible]s last year, and was ignored by the other party leaders.

"They thought I was too young for them", she said, "and since they are mostly over 80 perhaps I was." She also said that she put forward a programme for action on one issue, which the opposition if united could carry – a reform of the 1959 Industries Act that requires industry to be 95 per cent in the public sector – but they preferred to concentrate on centre-state relations. "I had no time for this. I believe in a strong centre, and so if the truth were known do they."

The name of Sanjay Gandhi is not universally revered in India, and Mr Chandra Shekhar told me caustically that he spent much of the recent past opposing the thoughts of Sanjay, and has no intention of allying himself with them now. But for good or ill a great many people are dissatisfied with the apparently unchanging politics of power represented by Congress, and the factious squabbling of the principal opposition parties. Māneka thinks that the time is right for a party catering to the young idea. This year will tell whether or not she is right.

It is the orthophenylphenol, thiabendazole, diphenyl that worry people. These are the preservatives in the wax coating on the skins of most citrus fruit. All have been permitted chemical treatments for at least 10 years and they do more than give oranges and lemons a shine to catch the customer's eye. The wax itself slows the pace at which the fruit dries, and the preservatives discourage the growth of moulds.

Readers often ask if it is safe to eat waxed citrus zest and the answer, according to the Ministry of Agriculture's watch-dogs, is yes. Neither the wax nor the chemicals are harmful in the quantities that even the most ardent peel enthusiast could consume.

Sweet, sour, and very seasonal

THE TIMES COOK



Shona Crawford Poole

For marmalade-makers the good news about Seville oranges, the not very pretty but wondrously pungent sour oranges just coming into season – is that according to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Information Bureau, Sevilles are not waxed.

Another persistent doubt which pops up in the post whenever I write about jam or marmalade making, concerns not safety but quality. And this is the question about whether the sugar extracted from sugar beet behaves the same way as sugar extracted from sugar cane.

The British Sugar Bureau, which is supported by producers of both types, says that white sugar, whether based on beet or cane, is as near pure sucrose, chemically speaking, as makes no practical difference.

It could be that because the molasses residues of beet refining are unpalatable to human taste, the idea has got about that the whole product is somehow less pure. Or maybe the attachment to cane sugar is romantic. Handsome waving plants from sun-soaked, rum-soaked climes and all that.

But perhaps the likeliest explanation concerns the growing preference for wholefoods which have been processed as little as possible. Cane sugar is edible, and tastes most interesting, in some of its least refined forms, whether sticky lumps of Indian jaggery sugar or American blackstrap molasses. Beet sugar is not, and brown sugar made from beets is white with colour or can molasses added later.

Now to the business in hand, marmalade. This year, in response to persistent pressure from readers, mostly men and often marmalade-makers to the family for the twelvemonth, I tried one of the whole-fruit recipes which involve cooking the oranges first and cutting them up when they are soft. The claim is always that this saves time, which it does not if you have a sharp knife.

I find cooked fruit messier to deal with than raw, but the resulting marmalade has been better liked than the second recipe by those whose taste runs to the full flavour of Sevilles, still a little sour and much less sweet than most commercial marmalades. Of course this is partly due to the proportionately smaller amount of sugar used, and how well this marmalade will keep only time will tell. It may be necessary to take more than usual care with the hygenic preparation of the jars, and with their sealing and storage.

The second recipe is for a chunky marmalade. Its tender chunks of peel are suspended in an almost clear orange jam. It is prettier as well as sweeter than the whole fruit marmalade.

Checklist for successful marmalade making:

- A really sharp knife is the essential piece of equipment for marmalade making.
- An old-fashioned brass preserving pan is pleasing to use, but a modern aluminium one is just as good. The outward-sloping sides of the traditional design allow quick evaporation of the water when boiling for a set. A large pan or casserole will do very well provided it is not overfilled. The rapid boiling required to evaporate the liquid as speedily as possible once the sugar has been added causes the hot syrup to rise up the pan like boiling milk. If you have to reduce the heat to stop it boiling over the marmalade takes longer to cook. This detracts from, but does not ruin the flavour.
- Make sure that the jars, whether new or recycled, are very well washed and dried. Heat them in a very cool oven (110°C/225°F, gas mark ¼) for at least 15 minutes before filling them.
- Simmer the peel until it is very tender before adding the sugar. It will not soften further after the sugar is added, indeed it toughens a little.
- To test whether the marmalade will set when it is cold, which is usually after 10 to 20 minutes of rapid boiling, drop a small teaspoonful onto a cold plate. If it stiffens and forms a skin quite quickly it will set.
- As soon as setting point is reached, remove the pan from the heat and skim it immediately of froth or scum.
- To prevent the peel floating to the top of the jars allow the marmalade tostand for 10 to 15 minutes before potting it.
- Packets of jam pot covers include discs of waxed paper. Put these, wax side down, on the surface of the marmalade as soon as the jars are filled. When they are cold, apply the covers.
- Store the marmalade in a cool, dark place.
- If you are freezing the oranges, whole or sliced, for marmalade making at a later date, allow a slightly higher proportion (say 15 per cent) of fruit to sugar to make up for any possible loss of pectin.
- Warm sugar dissolves more easily when added to the fruit. Warm in the oven at the same heat and for the same time as the jars.
- Make sure that the sugar dissolves completely before raising the heat to boil for a set. Otherwise it may crystallize in the finished marmalade.

Whole fruit orange marmalade
Makes about 3kg (6½lb)

1.35kg (3lb) Seville oranges

1kg (2lb 3oz) preserving or granulated sugar

Wash the oranges and put them in the pan with enough water to cover them generously if they were not floating. Bring the water to the boil and simmer the oranges for an hour. Pour off the liquid, cover the oranges with fresh water, and simmer them for another hour, or until the skins are soft enough to be easily pierced with a match.

Drain the oranges and set them aside to cool. Reserve the cooking water.

[illegible] oranges in quarters. [illegible]he pulp and cut the [illegible]in slivers or larger [illegible]rding to taste. Now [illegible]e pips from the [illegible] and chop it, or, [illegible]sier still, sieve it.

[illegible] chopped peel and [illegible] in the pan with 1.2 li[illegible]ts) of the cooking w[illegible] up with fresh water if [illegible]t enough. Heat the m[illegible]d add the sugar, [illegible]warmed. Stir on a [illegible] the sugar has di[illegible]mpletely, then raise the [illegible] boil hard for a set. [illegible], pot and seal the ma[illegible]n the usual way.

Ch[illegible]alade
Ma[illegible]8 kg (6½ lb)

900[illegible]ville oranges

1.8 [illegible] lb) preserving or gran[illegible]gar

L[illegible]e with a square of mus[illegible] set it over a bowl. Cut [illegible] in halves, squeeze out [illegible] and strain it into the [illegible] Using a teaspoon, scoo[illegible] pips and pith into the s[illegible]e up the pips and pith in the muslin, to make a bag, and put the juice and bag of pips into the pan.

Cut the peel into short, thick strips and add them to the pan with 2.25 litres (4 pints) water. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer until the peel is very tender and the liquid is well reduced. This usually takes about two hours.

Lift out the muslin bag and squeeze its pectin-rich juice back into the pan. Add the heated sugar and stir the mixture on a low heat until the sugar has completely dissolved. Raise the heat and boil fast for a set.

Skim, rest, pot and seal the marmalade in the usual way.

THE TIMES DIARY

People in glass houses

Why has the Labour Party not seized the report on the New Year Honours List published by the independent Labour Research Department, and beaten Mrs Thatcher over the head with it? It is understood that Neil Kinnock, formerly on the LRD executive, was told about the report beforehand, as was John Smith, employment spokesman, who has been trying to fend off Tory plans to restrict trade union contributions to Labour Party funds. They have both maintained an honourable silence. So far only back-benchers David Winnick and Austin Mitchell have taken any action. Winnick has written to the Prime Minister saying: "There is bound to be justified public concern if it is thought that donating to the party in office will considerably improve the chances of being recommended for an award in the honours list... It would, I think, be useful if you could comment on the Labour Research Department's article and the policy you have pursued over awards since taking office". The front-bench reticence may have something to do with residual embarrassment from Harold Wilson's "lavender list" eight years ago.

Shred of evidence

The Guardian appears to be getting shy about leaked documents. Having returned unopened a document from the Department of Employment because it was unstamped, and having returned Mr Heseltine's cruise memo, the paper has apparently taken to the shredding machine. My mole in Farringdon Street tells me the editor Peter Preston and the paper's social services correspondent David Hencke were seen the other day solemnly destroying the leaked report of the Social Security Advisory Committee. The report, damning the Government's £250m housing benefit cuts, was also passed to *The Times*.

BARRY FANTONI



Missile missive

A DX-er is someone who listens to short-wave radio. At the invitation of broadcasting stations, DX-ers write to them to comment on reception. The stations often acknowledge this gesture with some kind of gift – Radio Peking is now rewarding DX-ers with calendars, pennants and badges, and Radio Prague sends out wooden dolls and bookmarks. Last week, DX-ers in the English section of Radio Sofia received a graver kind of communication. They were asked by the station to take part in an opinion poll on the deployment of US Pershing-2 and cruise missiles which "has alerted all peace-loving people on the continent". Mysteriously, in view of its January delivery date, the letter said that the opinion poll was called Hot Autumn '83.

● The perfectly serious masthead of the perfectly serious political magazine The American Spectator quite properly lists its business and editorial staff and its contributors. It then provides the name of its legal counsel, who, it asks us to believe, are called Solitary, Poor, Nasty, Brutish & Short.

Indians unhappy

The British may be happy with the all-Indian television season now showing on several channels but the Indians are not. Granada's documentary *The War of the Springing Tiger*, screened last week, brought protests from India's external affairs minister, Mr P. V. Narasimha Rao, who unsuccessfully demanded that "objectionable features and offending passages" be changed. Since they weren't, the documentary on the life of the nationalist leader Subhas Chandra Bose has been banned from Indian television. India's lower house, the Lok Sabha, wants to go further and put a ban on all future operations by Granada. Were this to happen, Indian viewers would not be able to see the 13-part Granada blockbuster *The Jewel in the Crown*.

All Greek to me

Dr Arnold Goldman, the Assistant Chief Officer at the Council for National Academic Awards, recently received a letter posted in Athens. The cancellation stamp on the envelope did not, as such stamps usually do, invite him to come to sunny Greece or remind him to post early for Easter, but said boldly: "The Security Council Decision for Cyprus". This is the first example of political advertising by mail that Dr Goldman has ever seen and he wonders if Greek letters posted to Turkey or Turkish-controlled Cyprus carry the same rather insensitive message.

PHS

Christopher Walker looks at the recall of Jordan's 'rotting parliament'



Back in the Middle East power play: Yassir Arafat, encouraged by last month's meeting (above) with President Mubarak of Egypt, is now being urged on by King Husain of Jordan (right)

Why Husain voted for Arafat

Amman

For the first time since Israel conquered the West Bank in the 1967 war, King Husain will soon deliver a speech from the throne to a full session of the Jordanian National Assembly which, when originally elected, was made up of an equal number of deputies from the West and East Banks of the Jordan.

Behind the rhetoric (always to the fore on such occasions) it is expected that the Hashemite monarch's speech will be as closely scrutinized as he has spoken in the intervening years to see whether any ways are provided to a way out of the dangerous impasse in the Middle East. At the age of 48, the astute and cautious king – who has survived more assassination attempts than he cares to remember – finds himself and his desert kingdom in a position to dictate whether a peace reason can be found to the gloomy mood of profound pessimism that colours most objective predictions about the course of events in the region during 1984.

Despite the recent thaw in relations between Amman and Syria, the potential for conflict is to be found in virtually every direction. Much to the dismay of the Israelis, who like to emphasize the causes for destabilization of unresolved Palestinian issues by most governments as the key, here again the dominant question: people of Palestinian origin make up at least 60 per cent of Jordan's population, there is no doubt the future of the Palestinians remains inextricably linked with Hashemite kingdom.

As well as being attended by more than 1,000 Jordanian dignitaries, who have been specially invited to the new parliament building (which bears an uncanny architectural resemblance to the Israeli Knesset), the King's speech will also be broadcast on Jordan television – the channel most widely watched throughout the 2,200 square miles of the occupied West Bank.

Although some Jordanian officials like to emphasize the purely domestic reasons behind the dramatic recall of the parliament – which has been defunct since the Rabat Arab summit of 1974 – no Arab or western diplomats have any illusions that its primary purpose is to stress to the Palestine Liberation Organization and to Israel that Jordan still has responsibilities to the 800,000 West Bankers.

"Although the King agreed to respect the Rabat decision that the PLO was 'the sole and legitimate' representative of the Palestinian people, he is now anxious to indicate that things cannot go on for ever without something being done on their behalf", one diplomat explained. "As things go on in the Arab world, it was the clearest message possible to Mr Arafat that he must resume quickly the talks broken off last year."

As the Jordanian monarch explained when he first dropped the diplomatic bombshell that the assembly, known locally as "the rotting parliament," was going to be revived: "Arafat can become strong again because the West Bank and Gaza Strip believe in his leadership and the majority is with him. He can move within this framework to show his popularity, but he should not delay because time may not be on his side."

What the King had in mind was redrafting the agreement for Jordanian-PLO cooperation which was pigeonholed last April after Mr Arafat left Amman, supposedly for a 24-hour visit to Kuwait, never to return because Arab radicals convinced him the document should not be signed.

Those few non-Jordanians privileged to see a copy confirm that although containing its fair share of elaborate empty phrases, it also included matters of real substance which could have cleared the way for the shared approach to negotiations with Israel which is at the heart of the Reagan plan. If Mr Arafat – newly encouraged by his December 22 meeting with Egypt's President Mubarak – is not prepared to commit himself to such a move, there is speculation that the King may use his revived parliament as an alternative forum of Palestinian opinion (after new elections and West Bank appointment are complete, it is estimated that more than 75 per cent of its 60 members will be of Palestinian origin).

By clearly asserting his role in regard to the West Bank via the recall of parliament, the King has deliberately courted bitter criticism and possibly worse from neighbouring Syria, from Libya, and from the radical PLO factions who charge that his move deliberately flouts the Rabat decision.

The risk being taken by King Husain is the greater because since last October, Jordan has been the target of a spate of terror attacks at home, and against its diplomats abroad. These have been directly linked to Damascus, and carried out by Palestinian fanatics under the leadership of the shadowy Abu Nidal, the man also responsible for ordering the attempted murder of the Israeli ambassador to London in June, 1982. Authenticated claims for the attacks – which have given Amman something of a siege atmosphere, because of the heavy security they have required – singled out attempts by the King to take up the Palestinian cause as one reason for the campaign. This week *Al Baath*, the paper of Syria's ruling party, condemned the recall of parliament as underlining Jordan's failure to recognize the existence of a Palestinian land or people.

The King has deliberately courted bitter criticism

Explaining the King's reasoning for openly defying the radicals, rather than opting for a policy of inertia, one policy adviser said: "It looks very much to me as if the Middle East may be in for a period of redrawing political, and perhaps physical, maps. The worst thing we can do is remain silent. We have to be seen to be positive, and to be courageous, or we run the risk of being swept away by a tide of radicalism."

Personally depressed about the prospects for the immediate future, the King – who has made the search for consensus rather than unanimity in the Arab world the linchpin of his foreign policy – is keenly aware that much depends on America's willingness to restrain Israel, particularly on the vital issue of continuing Jewish settlement in the West Bank. In presidential election year, and in the wake of the Israeli-American strategic agreement, he is not hopeful of much encouragement from Washington.

The gloom about the prospects for an early shift in the log-jam has been increased by Israel's staunch opposition to the Reagan initiative, plus the fact that even should the Jordanian monarch and the PLO chief reach agreement soon, there is little chance the outcome would be acceptable to Israel.

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, Israeli Prime Minister, has flatly ruled out talks with with any Palestinians approved by the PLO, as well as with PLO men themselves. Though analysts see King Husain as willing to prod Mr Arafat in the direction of moderation, few predict that he would be willing in the near future to outflank him completely and agree to go to the negotiating table without at least this tacit approval.

As with the late President Sadat in 1977, unexpected gestures of exceptional bravery can occasionally penetrate the accumulated legacy of Arab-Israeli distrust. But King Husain, lately in trouble economically because of a sharp downturn in aid received from fellow Arabs as a front-line state, is considered not in a position to make an equivalent leap in the dark. For this reason alone, a senior PLO representative said here recently: "1984 will not be the year of a solution. It will be a year of gathering cards towards a future move."

Under present conditions, such lack of promise fills western governments with deep foreboding.

Peter Kellner

The wages of sin are not for the poor

According to one definition, morality is what the rich choose to preach and the poor are required to practise. A trifle cynical perhaps, but highly applicable to this Government's attitude to the family.

In their 1979 manifesto the Conservatives said that one of their main tasks would be "to support family life". Last year's manifesto contained a section headed "Responsibility and the family". The casual reader might think that Mrs Thatcher's team would act to strengthen the institution of marriage. So far as the rich are concerned, the casual reader would be wrong.

One well-to-do couple I know (with children) are thinking of getting married. I suggested that it might cost them more than they thought. It was not until I did some notional sums, with help from the Institute for Fiscal Studies, about the tax position of professional couples – especially couples with children – that I realized how high that cost might be.

Consider the following. Benny and Jenny are married with two children. Husband and wife each earn £20,000 a year; each has an additional £5,000 of investment income. They have a mortgage of £60,000 on their house, and the interest rate is 11.5 per cent.

To minimize their tax bill they elect to have their earnings taxed separately, although this means that Benny cannot claim the married man's personal tax allowance. Because they are married, they can claim tax relief only on the first £30,000 of their mortgage, and, all their investment income is taxed as if it comes to Benny. Jenny's tax bill this year will be £5,877. Benny's will be £8,973. Total tax: £14,850.

Horace and Doris are similar to Benny and Jenny – same income, same mortgage, same number of children – except for one thing: they are not married. Despite, or rather because of, the fact that their status is one of which, one would presume, the authors of the last two Conservative manifestoes would disapprove, the taxman actually smiles more benignly on the sinful couple.

Both Horace and Doris claim an additional personal allowance – the same as the married man's allowance – because Horace accepts formal responsibility, as a single parent, for one child and Doris for the other. They share ownership of their house, and as both are entitled to tax relief on £30,000 of mortgage debt, their joint entitlement covers the whole £60,000. Their investment income is taxed separately. The result: Horace and Doris each have a tax bill of £6,120, a total of £12,240.

So Horace and Doris's tax bill this year is £2,610 lower than Benny and Jenny's; a saving for the cohabiting pair of £50 a week.

For the cohabiting poor, however, it is a very different kettle of bureaucratic fish. Essentially the state decides whether to treat them as "married" or "single" according to whichever status makes them poorest. For example, the basic unemployment benefit for a single man is £27.05 a week; he could not claim the extra £16.70 for a common-law wife. A marriage certificate is needed to unlock the money.

The Department of Health and Social Security, however, needs no marriage certificate to deprive cohabiting couples of their benefits as "single" people. If a woman claiming supplementary benefit is found cohabiting with a man in work, she is deemed to be "married" and consequently dependent on him. This frequently puts an end to her benefits.

The DHSS determines cohabitation by the "three-day rule". If the same man is seen by a DHSS official leaving the same woman's home on three consecutive mornings, the couple are considered to be cohabiting, and the woman is liable to lose her benefits.

What is more, concealment of cohabitation is a criminal offence. While the unmarried rich secure handsome rewards for asserting their status as single people, the unmarried poor risk imprisonment if they seek to assert the same status.

Nor are the hazards for the poor at all fanciful. Not long ago a woman in Bishops Stortford was charged with fraud after DHSS officials staking out her front door saw the same man emerging day after day on his way to work. She sought help from the Child Poverty Action Group.

The CPAG found that she was a victim of the classic "back-door-front-door" problem: her child's father, who had left her some time earlier, regularly paid a brief morning visit to see his child on his way to work. His natural route was to enter by the back door and leave by the front. Only when this was established in court was the criminal charge against the woman dropped.

I cannot imagine anyone, least of all ministers who say they want to strengthen "the family", defending this contrast between the stick for the poor and the carrot for the rich. Reform would be a complex business, however, unless this or some future government were willing to pay out the vast sums involved in letting everyone choose for themselves whether to be treated by the state as "single" or "married", whatever their actual status.

Some obvious reforms could still be introduced in the next budget, especially at the richer end.

But the overriding rule should surely be that whatever cohabitation rules apply to the poor apply to everyone. The grotesque practice of DHSS snoopers staking out run-down council estates would soon be forced to cease if they were also let loose on the grand homes of Belgravia, the opulent villages of Surrey and Mrs Thatcher's better-off constituents in Finchley.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

If these bones lie at peace, civilization can surely rest

There was a strange and little-remarked story the other day which has been echoing in my head; not surprisingly, as its echoes composed almost entirely of echoes. It concerned bones, human bones, and a vast quantity of them – 50,000 was the figure mentioned. They came from a medieval burial ground at York: the area was being cleared for building, and the archaeological trust was sifting the site before the owner, Sainsbury's, just to make the necessary works more piquant – buried, whole thing, presumably under a supermarket. End of first echo.

The bones came from graves which were believed, though the documents are not ample enough for anyone to be quite sure, those of Jews; it was the cemetery lay in which the Jewry. Second, York was called has seen Jewish of our century quantities never produced in previous history contained in all ironical, echo (though (third, at York in the massacre of Jews more than a twelfth century had frenzy that raged the murderous less than 50 years civilized Europe

The archaeologists, who wished to study and measure the bones to see what could be learned about the people to whom they belonged, consulted the Chief Rabbi, Sir Immanuel Jakobovits. After considering such evidence as the diggers had found, he asked whether the bones were at all – and his work on the site met – to cease bones and reburial examination of the had been found, them where they reverence due to mortal remains which once bore the incomparable hallmark of the divine image, and which, we believe, have an inalienable right to stay undisturbed". He added that "digging shown to human remains, even centuries after death, scientific inquiry is more than any tion". human civiliza-

Fourth echo: have quoted the story from pages of *The Guardian*, though no newspaper today has a richer proportion of writers who were regard the Chief Rabbi's attitude as bizarre or perverse: I as one for instance, that Miss Polly Toynbee, who was recently waxing quite hysterical with relief at having found a nun who had not only left it but convent but lost her faith on the way out, would not have the faintest idea what the old boy was going on about, and for that matter precious little of what inspired the archaeologists' curiosity, her interest being limited to ensuring, when the Sainsbury's supermarket was erected on the site, that it would be amply stocked with Muesli and unsweetened yoghurt, and that *foie gras* and South African orange juice would be rigorously excluded from its shelves.

And yet it seemed to me that something of great enduring value in human civilization is contained in the archaeologists' initial desire to examine the bones, in the Chief Rabbi's gently phrased appeal to them to desist, and in their ready willingness to relinquish their quest in what they recognized as a higher interest.

The archaeologists were driven by one of the noblest urges that civilized men and women can feel: the desire to join hands with the past and thus come closer to understanding both the past itself and what it can teach us about the present. When Schliemann sent his famous telegram, "I have looked on the face of Agamemnon", he was, as it transpired, mistaken; but the treasure he found at Mycenae was none the less far more valuable than the gold it was made of or the beauty of its workmanship, for it was a link with a story that has so far held captive the imagination of the world for 28 centuries, and shows no sign at all of letting go.

So it was with Knossos, with Tutankhamun, with that amazing mosaic floor hard by Chichester, with the Ming Tombs of China, with every spadeful of earth carefully dug out of any archaeological site and examined carefully for evidence of the people who had preceded them there, with Professor Glob and the bodies he kept finding, in a perfect state of preservation, beneath Denmark's watery soil, even with those splendid lunatics who burrowed their way into a *hill* beneath which they were convinced King Arthur was buried, and who emerged from the tunnel without Excalibur but with undiminished conviction.

I doubt if there is any such thing as a legend without some foundation in truth and history – no, not so much as Adam and Eve or Cinderella – and the desire to dig up even a single strand of evidence and patiently unravel it is one that should be, and is, admired by anybody with any imagination at all.

It is surely a measure of the York archaeologists' seriousness about their work that they so clearly understood and complied with the Chief Rabbi's wishes. All real archaeologists approach the past with the same attitude: reverence. The reverence is due to the past itself, if the diggers at York had found medieval kitchen utensils instead of bones they would have carried them no less carefully to their laboratory. But the reverence due to death, which was the Chief Rabbi's concern, intensifies the feeling of a meeting with the past, for it provides a link with a past that antedates the past itself, and must raise, in any mind not inextricably entangled in the belief that nothing "could contribute more than any scientific enquiry to human civilization", the question of why the dry bones once lived, and what breathed the life into them.

The reverence accorded to death is one of the oldest and most powerful ideas in human beings – so old, indeed, and so deeply embedded in so many societies, that it is hard to resist the conclusion that it must be biological; it would be as surprising to find an era or a culture that did not surround death with elaborate and profound beliefs and rituals as it would be to find a race of men with three legs. Some societies bury their dead, some burn them, some mummify and preserve them, some even eat them; all, however, start and finish with the same attitude, which is that in the presence of death we are as close as may be to solving the riddle of life, and it is therefore fitting that we should approach it in a spirit of awe. Why, of all the miracles, is it the raising of Lazarus that is the most powerful in its effect on our imagination and feelings? Because it cancelled the most uncancellable of debts, reversed the most irreversible of movements, denied the most palpable of proofs; if this man can annul death, then surely he is no man at all, and will one day annul his own.

So it is with the bones at York, and the truth that the Chief Rabbi seized upon. There is an instinct in us all that he encapsulated when he spoke of "the reverence due to mortal remains which once bore the incomparable hallmark of the divine image", and added that "the dignity shown to human remains" was a mark of true civilization. One of the greatest terrors that haunts any deathbed is that of the casual or contemptuous disposal of the dying one's body. Our modern "rationalist" would smile at something so primitive and superstitious as the belief that a dead body could matter to its previously living owner, and would never seek to enquire, however rationally, where the belief comes from, and why it is so strong. But that, after all, is why I have put "rationalists" in quotation marks.

No one can now match a name or a face to a single bone of the great ossuary found at York. But it is not necessary to do so; it is necessary only to remember that those dead bones were once clad in flesh, and at once the mystery of life itself springs from the ground to confront us.

I saw a man die; he was a London bricklayer's labourer with seven children. He left seventeen pounds club money; and his wife spent it all on his funeral and went into the workhouse with the children next day. She would not have spent sevenpence on her children's schooling; the law had to force her to let them be taught gratuitously; but on death she spent all she had.

That passage is from *Man and Superman*, and it puts the opposite case very well. Those who know the play, however, will recall that the speaker is the Devil. The Chief Rabbi, and the York Archaeological Trust, know better, and those bones may now sleep soundly, undisturbed by the trolleys of Sainsbury's customers, until they wake never to sleep again.

Jock Bruce-Gardyne

Cuts the councils must not evade

Monday's *Times* must have come as a considerable relief to the officers of the Guildford Conservative Association. For only a week before they had been warned by their Member of Parliament, David Howell, that they were facing the prospect of "ukases" which would put our "ancient customs and liberties" at risk: and all this from a Tory government. On Monday Mr Howell was less alarmist, conceding that Patrick Jenkin's Rates Bill reflects legitimate concern about the behaviour of a handful of tearaway Labour councils, and drawing the line only at the generalized power the Government seeks to "cap" the rate-raising discretion of any erring town hall.

Still, there is no denying that Mr Howell's distress is widely shared on the Tory benches. Mr Beaumont-Dark substitutes "diktat" for "ukase", while Mr Geoffrey Rippon has asked the Leader of the House to take it off and bury it (Mr Biffen silkily reminded Mr Rippon that, as a senior Privy Councillor, he would have a priority chance to make his case against it when it comes to Parliament on Tuesday next – a chance of which, I am sure, Mr Rippon will cancel all competing commitments to avail himself). So Mr Jenkin is in for a rough time.

Given the whips' powers of persuasion and the Government's majority, he will no doubt survive in the Commons. The Lords may prove a tougher proposition, although personally I should have thought my noble colleagues might be well advised to pause before embarking on the emasculation of a measure for which the Government has a clear, specific, and very recent electoral mandate. But we might all pause over the substance of the argument about local democracy and accountability.

In his letter to his constituents, David Howell argued that the ratepayers would be "best protected by the ballot-box". Well, perhaps they might, in a perfect world in which taxation and representation were matched.

The local authorities collect two-fifths of their own cash from those who have no votes at all: the business ratepayers. And only one in three of those who do have the right to vote our local masters into office is called upon to pay the rates in full.

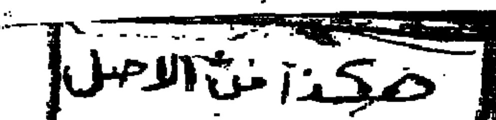
Nor is it altogether true that irresponsible profligacy is confined to Labour's rotten boroughs. Certainly the share of national wealth absorbed by local government expenditure has shrunk: but only because the councils have slashed the capital works they put out to the private sector by 50 per cent. Their current spending, on salaries and manpower, has continued to grow, by 10 per cent more than the general run of prices. And while the Government did succeed in persuading the town halls to shed a tiny 2½ per cent of their two and a half million payroll between 1979 and 1983, it has now started to creep up again.

According to the latest figures, in the year to last September the English local authorities recruited an extra 1,600 librarians, and almost 4,000 extra miscellaneous worthies (anything from treasurers to lollipop ladies). And while the Sheffields, Hackneys and Islingtons have naturally carried on recruiting throughout, one wonders why true-blue Devon felt the need last year to take on another 400 full-time employees and 350 half-timers, and Lewisham an extra 750 (even David Howell's Guildford added marginally to its town hall troops).

There is no denying that legislation to limit the freedom of councillors to turn the screws on their ratepayers diminishes the autonomy of local government. But it is worth bearing in mind that Scottish Secretary George Younger already has the power to issue "ukases" – and has already used it. So far as I am aware the citizens of Lothian have not notably complained, or felt themselves reduced to serfdom.

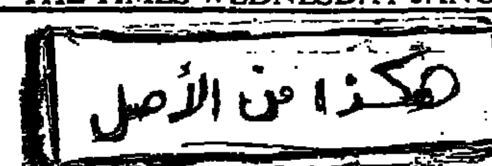
Besides, what is the alternative? David Howell suggests centrally funded education, a sharp reduction in Exchequer grants, and more frequent elections. But surely centrally funded education would inevitably diminish local autonomy, not enhance it: and of course reductions in the rate support grant from the Treasury have only spurred too many local authorities (not all of them Labour-controlled) to make good the difference from the rates.

Nor, as Mr Howell himself acknowledges, would any of the various canvassed alternatives to rating take us very far to matching votes with taxes unless both rebates and exchequer grants were also drastically reduced. If local authorities were picked by those who paid for local services and chose their own priorities, I would agree that their lavishness or penny-pinching would not be the proper concern of Whitehall. But as they aren't and don't, neither House of Parliament should feel exclusive obligation to the town hall councillors.



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AN INFLATIONARY WARNING

Money supply growth is once again challenging the Government's targets. The 1¼ per cent December rise in sterling M3 puts this measure of the money supply perilously close to the top end of the 7 to 11 per cent target range, while M1 and PSL2 – the other measures watched by the authorities – continue to run above it.

The high rate of monetary expansion is partly the consequence of the budget deficit being larger than intended, but mostly it can be attributed to the remarkable strength of private sector loan demand. The London clearing banks' statistical unit says in its monthly statement that, although there may be some problems with the seasonal adjustment, "the growth in advances in December seems to have been appreciably higher than in recent months". The prospect is for further acceleration of bank lending growth – and, hence, of the monetary aggregates – in the near future. So far the upturn in credit has been mainly to persons for hire purchase and mortgages and to a lesser extent to miscellaneous categories such as unincorporated businesses and agriculture. Manufacturing industry has, if anything, been repaying bank debt.

But this will not continue. With the economic recovery gathering momentum industry will soon need to start increasing stock levels. Renewed stock-building will have to be financed largely by bank borrowing, reinforcing private sector loan demand.

In 1983 bank lending to the private sector expanded by about 15 per cent. There are many indications that an even higher figure – perhaps as much as 20 per cent – is in prospect in 1984. Every new loan creates new bank deposits and extra bank deposits increase the money supply. An impossible problem of reconciling dynamic private sector credit with the offical monetary targets is emerging.

The Government's attitude must be very schizophrenic. On the one hand, it has to acknowledge that the private sector's urge to borrow has been the main force taking the economy out of recession. In particular, lending to persons has been a vital influence behind the buoyancy of consumer spending since the summer of 1982. If consumer spending had not been increasing for over a year, it is very likely that output and employment would still be deteriorating.

On the other hand, the Government is committed to monetary restraint as its main weapon for restoring stable prices. It knows very well that, if inflation is to be held down to present levels, bank lending cannot be allowed to grow by 20 per cent a year and the money supply by between 10 and 15 per cent. If the aim really is to cut inflation further, the expansion of bank lending will have to moderate.

Difficulties in monetary control rarely have the same dramatic accompaniments as other financial problems, such as old-fashioned sterling crises. Indeed, it should be emphasized that the case for moving towards a period of restraint has nothing to do with the pound's weakness against the dollar. The dollar is strong against all currencies at present and its rise does not justify any special action by the Bank of England.

The reason for concern is instead the evident inconsistency between fast credit and money growth in the short run and the intention to restore price stability in the long run. The Government's embarrassment will become particularly acute in the next Budget. The medium-term financial strategy requires that the money supply target in the coming fiscal year be slightly more restrictive than in 1983/84. The target band is supposed to be lowered from 7 to 11 per cent at present to 6 to 10 per cent in 1984/85. But all the signs are that money growth will be higher in 1984/85 than in 1983/84.

With unemployment at three million and still not falling, the Government must be reluctant to raise interest rates. But, if nothing is done to rein back credit and money growth, its anti-inflationary programme will begin to lose credibility.

THE CAP DOES NOT FIT

The word has gone out to rally round Mr Patrick Jenkin in defence of his rate-capping Bill before it meets its second reading on Tuesday. Mr Brittan and Mr Lawson have both spoken in the past few days of its necessity, its protective purpose, and the Government's unswerving commitment to it. The Prime Minister herself has received a company of local Tory *prominenti*, most of them inclined to oppose the Bill. She sent them away with their tongues tied, in public. Whether she also drew their teeth remains to be seen.

Mr Jenkin set the tone for this collective effort in a New Year interview for the Conservative Party sheet *Newsline*. Perhaps they had all tended to dwell too much on squeezing down local authorities, he said. Virtuous as that employment is, the real point of the Bill was to afford protection for ratepayers, domestic and commercial, against the inordinate demands of their councils. As for the much criticized general powers contained in the Bill, powers to set rate levels for every substantial council in the country (a dirigist ambition of paradoxical audacity in the party of small government): not to worry, we don't like them either, and we hope we never have to use them.

This pose as the ratepayer's friend has to be viewed in the light of experience. It is perfectly true that ever since it came in in 1979 the Government has been hammering away at local authorities to cut back the rate of increase of their current expenditure. They have not collectively responded to the full extent demanded, though they have responded better than the heaviest-spending departments directly under the Government's control. And some councils have gone tearing on more or less regardless.

However, the effect of this on rate demands has been magnified by the Government's own policies, by design or by miscarriage. It has been the Government's intention steadily to reduce the proportion of local expenditure covered by Treasury grant. The proportion has fallen from 60 per cent to 51 per cent in these five years – a deliberate transfer of taxation to the rates from other sources, a policy of rate-inflation. Had the grant proportion been held constant the rise in the rate level from 1979 to last year would have been a third less than it was, and would have been more or less in pace with the rise in the cost of living.

But the really excruciating rate rises have occurred in a few, mostly big-city, areas. There there has been "overspending" on almost any definition of the term. But again the effect on actual rate demands has been blown up by almost random results of changes in grant distribution and by special penalties devised by the Government for the worst offenders. It is the interaction of the councils' financial policies and the Government's grant policies that has produced the extreme cases of banditry in the guise of taxation.

The need to stop it is now undeniable. Neglect of the structures of local government has made the crude method adopted in the Bill unavoidable. In conceding that, Parliament should yet insist that the Bill be shorn of its general powers of dirigism; that the rate capping be selective only; that the criteria of selection be made more objective and less discretionary than they are in the text of the Bill; and that the whole exercise be regarded as preparatory to a more constructive (and more Tory) measure of local government reform.

THE POPE'S DIVISIONS

The diplomatic recognition of the Holy See by Britain in 1982, and by Norway, Sweden, and Denmark last year, must have made it a little easier for the United States to countenance such a step, but yesterday's announcement by the White House and the Vatican still has a note of defiance about it: defiance of the extreme church and state separationist lobby, that peculiarly American alliance of all sorts of vested interests. President Ronald Reagan may well have calculated that as many votes are to be gained as to be lost by normalizing his country's relations with the Vatican, and at the end of the day defeat or re-election will turn on many more significant issues than that one.

The United States Congress, asked to pave the way for diplomatic recognition by repealing the ban on funds, 116 years old, for such an exchange of ambassadors, found no great difficulty in doing so, knowing well what was likely to follow. And what has followed is indeed a tribute from the United States to the papacy, the predominant temporal force in the world acknowledging the predominant spiritual force in the world.

Within the United States itself, the Roman Catholic Church is already established as the largest single denomination and the Roman Catholic bishops as an important voice in national affairs.

There are many in the United States, indeed, who now claim that Hispanic immigration, illegal and legal, together with a higher than average birth rate, could give that church an overall majority by the end of the century. But it is less and less a monolithic church, with a distinctive pluralism owing as much to its diverse ethnic sources as to the expanding limits of Roman Catholic opinion. Some of the world's most progressive progressives and the world's most conservative conservatives are contained within its embrace. What is more significant is the gradual eclipse of the old White Anglo-Saxon Protestant ascendancy, both under the pressure of non-WASP immigration and the decline of the influence of the Eastern Seaboard. California has less reason for fastidiousness in its relations with the papacy than New England. Apart from anything else, history is worn more lightly there.

Undoubtedly the style of the present Pope, John Paul II, is attractive to the present incumbent of the White House – cynics might say one media star appreciating another: after all they were both actors in their youth. The Pope does forcefully maintain that religious and moral values should be integral to an international dialogue which might otherwise degenerate into a mere conflict of state interests; and there are many other instances of its conciliatory diplomatic influence. It is a pity that its record is blemished by a refusal to recognize Israel which cannot be convincingly explained away on the grounds that Israel has not yet concluded a peace treaty with all her neighbours. But as the British Government itself recognized in 1982, since the Holy See can be an influence for good on the stage of world affairs, discreet encouragement, such as that symbolized by formal diplomatic recognition, is right in the circumstances. Stalin asked: "How many divisions has the Pope?" If his successor in the Kremlin felt safe enough to extend Soviet diplomatic recognition to the Vatican, he might be surprised by the answer he would now receive to that question.

Places where they sing

From Mr A. N. Fairbairn

Sir, Barbara Gwinnell's letter (December 31) is misleading in its conclusions and she certainly sings a superficially attractive siren-song!

Choir schools are generally made up of a majority of youngsters who aren't choristers and a minority who are. There is therefore no reason why girls shouldn't be admitted to choir *schools*. Whether or not girls should sing in the associated-cathedral or collegiate choir is a totally different matter, which must not be confused with boarding education at a choir school.

The boy treble voice produces a very different tone and result from the mixed-voice choir of men and women. The peculiar sound of treble and men's voices in the all-male choir is one of immense importance in the development of the European choral heritage and for which so much music, especially ecclesiastical music, has been written from the beginning of the Christian era.

Furthermore, the danger is that mixing treble with young girls voices, besides producing a quite different tonal result, will result in an even greater decline in the number of boys coming forward for voice trails and consequently in the number of boys being able to read music by sight by the time their voices break.

In its turn, this will tend to reduce the number of men who can read music and be willing to take up singing in choirs and choral societies as tenors and basses, let alone as counter-tenors.

Men's voices in choirs and chorales are at a premium now; they would become positively gilt-edged if your correspondent's superficially attractive suggestion was taken too seriously.

Of course, girls should be encouraged to sing in mixed choirs and, as is the case increasingly up and down the land, in church choirs, but their active encouragement to participate in cathedral and collegiate-type choirs will almost certainly drive out rather than encourage the entry of boys.

Yours faithfully,
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LETTERS T… EDITOR

Steps to prevent glue-sniffing

From Dr James B. McWhinnie

Sir, The letters of Mrs Atkins, of January 7, and of Mrs Joy, of December 24, illustrate the concern about how to respond when encountering children glue-sniffing. Not everyone may be aware, however, that, although solvent abuse as such is not illegal, the police are empowered, under section 28 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969, to detain juveniles at risk by taking them to a place of safety.

This is used by several police forces until parents or other services can as soon as possible be contacted and can lead to appropriate professional advice to the family.

Where, as Mrs Atkins suggests, discretion may discourage direct intervention, an approach to the police could thus result in responsibility being returned to parents with opportunity for further help.

The main risks of glue-sniffing are those of suffocation and from behaviour where judgment is seriously disturbed rather than the direct poisonous effects of the substances themselves. Honest health education about this is urgently required for children, parents and professional workers.

Experience increasingly indicates that dramatic exaggeration of the direct toxicity of glues, as opposed to risks of sniffing associated with how and where this is done, is the least likely way, as with other unwelcome protest activities of youth, to cause it to disappear.

Yours faithfully,
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Press intrusion

From Dr Richard Wyndham

Sir, On each occasion that the maggots of Fleet Street cause outrage to ordinary decent people by their excesses you give us the same pious claptrap, to the effect that the freedom of the press is sacrosanct and must be preserved by self-regulation rather than by external control.

Your exhortation in today's leader (January 3) to the editors of the gutter press to be "decent chaps" and to leave the Royal Family alone whilst on holiday has as much sense as a request to the Devil to denounce sin and is as likely to be successful.

What is needed is a right to privacy enshrined in the criminal law and the Press Council to be given the power to suspend publication of newspapers which offend against an agreed code of behaviour. I think you have to hit the newspaper proprietors where it hurts and go on hitting them until it is just not economic to publish this type of material.

No doubt Fleet Street would say it is only fulfilling a public demand, but this is exactly how the drug pedlar and the pornographer try to justify their activities and should be met with the same rejection.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WYNDHAM,
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House decay

From Mr T. H. Hughes-Davies

Sir, As Schedule A showed, a hefty tax on houses against which repairs and improvements could be set would not produce much revenue. But it might reduce dilapidation more cheaply and effectively than subsidies, especially if expenses could be balanced over five or 10 years.

Yours sincerely,
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Rates Bill spending

From Mr I. D. Coutts

Sir, Your leader on the Rates Bill (December 21) is surely wrong in suggesting that constitutional issues are involved. If the Government had chosen to reduce local government expenditure by transferring education to the direct control of education boards financed by central government that would no more have been a constitutional matter than was the transfer of water and sewerage to the water authorities or hospitals to the health service.

The fact that they have chosen to place a limit on a local authority's ability to levy rates is surely a localist solution to the problem of local government expenditure rather than a centralist one. The transfer of services would mean control from Whitehall, whereas the Government's proposals leave control of the operation of the various services in the hands of local councillors (despite protestations to the contrary by some councillors).

Where you are right is in underlining the expenditure problems within local government. Here it is doubtful whether the Government's proposals go far enough in eliminating the gross disparities that exist between one authority and another.

The accepted total expenditure of local government is now broken down between one authority and another on the basis of average unit costs and the number of people in each group (children under five, old people over 75, etc). When one compares this assessment amongst the Norfolk district councils for 1984-85 with their budgets for the *previous* year one finds Norwich (a Labour-controlled authority) spending 3… …over its following year's … and four Conservat…d authorities spend… 20 per cent and 30 per ce…rs.

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Rail archive disposal

From Mr David Milbank Challis

Sir, To take the British Railways Board's reply (December 23)entirely at face value one might easily be led to assume that Dr P. W. Lewis's original assertions (December 17) were unfounded.

Probably the Public Record Office and even the National Railway Museum should review their respective policies on this matter, but for the board to question their roles is merely a distraction. The central issue, to which the Chief Secretary failed to respond, concerns the future of the vast bulk of historical, documentary material, mainlyinherited, still in the board's custody and/or in use by railway personnel.

Mr Burt may well believe that a simple restatement of the requirements of the Acts (1962, 1968) is sufficient to nullify the questions raised, but the poor track record over the past few years hardly supports such a belief. Documentary records have been disposed of and destroyed without adequate evaluation and, in many instances, before any reference was made to potential public repositories. The following examples illustrate this failure.

A close scrutiny of plans (emanating from King's Cross) recently on sale at Collectors' Corner, Euston, clearly revealed material that rightly belonged in an archive of records accessible to public use and research: how were such items evaluated for such "profitable disposal"?

The Stephenson plans, purchased at auction by Ove Arup & Partners in 1969, are typical of railway company documents that continue to appear on the antiquarian market: if such disposals are not to be considered cavalier (when all historical records are offered to the PRO) wo… …ard explain how such dispo… …uthorised?

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Yours sincere…
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Shenfield,
Brentwood,
Essex.

Pressure to refor…

From Mr Frank Field, MP … Birkenhead (Labour)

Sir, The Treasury's review of … revenue lost from granting over … different tax allowances (re… January 9) should be welco… However, the "cost" of gran… these tax allowances is prob… higher than your Economics Co… spondent reports. This year … half of all personal income wil… exempted from tax by one or o… of the numerous tax allowances … on offer.

This welfare state – for tha… what tax allowances are – has th… major drawbacks. As tax allowan… favour those on high incomes t… help to widen rather than narr… class differences. Each tax allowan… helps narrow the tax base and … results in our income tax syst… being characterised by a low … threshold, together with high m… ginal rates of tax. A tax allowan… system also adds power to patern… istic politicians.

You report Mrs Thatcher … believing "in using the tax system … promote the things . . . which s… supports." I believe this to be n… only wrong, but dangerous. Aft… raising revenue to finance publ… expenditure governments shou… trust people to spend their n… incomes as they wish and not brib… them into a pattern of expenditur… approved by politicians.

Pressure for reforming the ta… allowance system does not com… only from right-wing groups which … you mention. The Centre for Policy … Studies' criticism of occupational … pensions – distorting saving choices … inhibiting job mobility, giving too … much power to the big financial … institutions and deterring the spread … of wealth because pensions cannot … the next generation – … part of the criticisms … some left-wing poli…

… political barriers to … relief as formidable as … ggests. Providing it is … im is not to eliminate … at a stroke, consider… …uld be gained for the … proposals: all allow… be claimed at the … of tax only; company … s should be paid out … han gross, income: a … ould be imposed on … ances.

…orm would work in … way: for mortgage … for example, the … revenue of £2.15bn … a ceiling and the … ies would have the … g it among those … ming relief. The … enue resulting from … ould be substantial. … imposed in 1975-76 … x allowances (mort… relief, retirement … or the self-employed, … assurance premiums … heme contributions) … now resulted in an … n of revenue.

…our allocating this … nue in the following … e rate of tax, raising … ld and restructuring … so that it acts as an … or recipients. At the … uch of our welfare … s a ceiling over the … oor, trapping them … overty.

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Wide legal training

From Professor Jeffrey Jowell

Sir, None of your correspondents on the subject of legal education has to date considered the content of that education in today's universities and polytechnics. Roger Scruton (feature, December 20) is wrong if he thinks that disciplines other than law have no place in the current legal curriculum.

Judge Head's view (December 31) that legal education is irrelevant because the law learnt during that education changes over time is based upon an even more profound misconception.

Good legal training today attempts much more than a study of existing rules of law as if they were engraved in stone. Students examine laws critically and consider the process of discovering and applying both rules and broader principles governing relations in our society.

They look also at our various techniques for resolving conflict in national and international settings, at law's role in the allocation of resources, and at the capacity of law to guide and control behaviour (including official behaviour).

This kind of training does draw … …ate on a variety of … …ents are exposed not … …s of rules and their … to philosophical … law and knowledge … …utions governed by … …lm of commerce as … …mily, international … …c organisations.

… school the teaching … letter, January 6) is … …elp of practitioners. … just appointed as … staff.

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… argument about … …aks also to the need … legal education, in … …mic and practising … …l profession could … …ively – perhaps also … …non-lawyers.

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Church and remarriage

From the Rev Dr Gerard McKay

Sir, In the continuing correspondence on Anglican proposals for the remarriage of divorcees Mr Lewis Stretch's contribution (December 27) on the ancient Christian churches' practice in this matter is gratuitously offensive.

By his reference to a declaration of nullity one has to conclude the object of his abuse is the tribunals of the Catholic Church. It could well be that the system is on occasion manipulated; it is quite another thing to assert unreservedly ecclesiastical tribunals are nothing but institutionalised hypocrisy.

It begs the question to say that a relationship seemingly enjoying its blessings is necessarily a marriage: the complexity of the human person and personal relationships is sometimes such to make things other than what they first appear to be.

Yours faithfully,
GERARD McKAY,
Roman Catholic Scottish National Tribunal,
22 Woodrow Road, Glasgow.

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Si… …tion of President Ba… …of Peru as reported an… supported by Sir Ph… (feature, January 5) wi… …htly be – rejected wi… the Falklanders.

… …d is not, as quoted, "al… uninhabited" for wit… islands off its coa… …s some very good far… …ple, as on the East, are … …d to their lands.

H… …o, the proposal is an … since it was at Sau… (West Falklands) that … first established then … the doctrine of "pre… …licies.

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Off the track in wartime India

From Mr Philip Mason

Sir, May I ask you to make public some of the grosser omissions from the Granada film, *The War of the Springing Tiger*, shown on ITV on January 4? They constitute a departure from historical truth and an affront to many gallant men.

The first is that as soon as the British forces in Malaya surrendered, the Japanese separated Indian other ranks from their officers, British and Indian.

Indian other ranks knew that they had been defeated and that they had been ill-equipped compared with the Japanese and badly supported by armour and from the air. They were told that the war was over and the British finished and were given a choice between servile forced labour for Japanese troops – digging latrines is often quoted – with no hope of return to India, and service in a new army that would fight for the new independent India of the future as allies of the Japanese.

Many chose the latter with no understanding of the true situation: when they found themselves in Burma opposed to their former comrades many of them wished to return to their allegiance but hesitated until they were told by leaflets dropped from the air that they would not be shot out of hand: many of them then came over and others tried to but were prevented.

The second matter, wholly omitted from the film, is that a majority resisted attempts to recruit them into the new army and remained true, in the Indian phrase, to the salt they had eaten. This was more than half of the total. These men were subjected to heavy pressure, sometimes to torture and extreme brutality, accompanied by gross humiliation.

Another most important point was the extreme concern of Field Marshall Auchinleck for the future of the Indian Army after Independence, which he believed was imminent. He has never received sufficient credit for this.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP MASON,
Hither Daggons,
Cripplestyle,
near Fordingbridge,
Hampshire.
January 5.

Peace studies

From Mr John Ferguson

Sir, Roger Scruton's article, "Time to wage war on peace studies" (January 3), is scarcely balanced. I was the first external examiner in peace studies at the University of Bradford and made it abundantly clear that my evaluation of students' work would not be affected by their conclusions.

I wanted to be assured that candidates had considered the issues of disarmament. If they weighed the case for disarmament and held that "there is no way to preserve peace in Europe without matching the armaments and blocking the expansionist policies of the Soviet Union", and showed intellectual rigour and clarity in doing so, they would get their first: if they parroted a disarmament position without weighing the other positions they would be lucky to receive a degree at all.

Similarly I wanted them to consider a situation of conflict, say, in the Middle East. If they put a pro-Israeli or pro-Palestinian case without weighing the other side they would be penalized. If they showed a clear understanding of the reasons motivating both groups and came down in the end upon one side they might do well, though I was most interested in those who asked what, as the Secretary General's representative, they might achieve.

Here in the Selly Oak Colleges we have been developing peace studies on a co-operative basis. We go to some trouble to ensure that the Government's voice is heard, and there is certainly considerable diversity of views among our students.

Yours,
JOHN FERGUSON, President,
Selly Oak Colleges,
Birmingham.

Royal Family duties

From Mr Anthony Tilke

Sir, Engagements carried out by Prince and Princess Michael of Kent are omitted from the letter you publish annually for they are not recorded in the Court Circular. My figures for Prince and Princess Michael in 1983 are compiled from a variety of sources:

	In UK	Abroad
Prince Michael	41	6
Princess Michael	37	5
Joint visits	30	

The great difference between these figures and those for other members of the Royal Family (apart from the non-recording in the Court Circular) is that Prince and Princess Michael are not included in the Civil List.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY TILKE,
45b High Street,
Waltham Cross,
Hertfordshire,
January 1.

Fair deal for Johnson

From Sir David Serpell

Sir, One must sympathise with the Chairman of The Johnson Society (January 6) but he, and we, may take comfort from what Augustine Birrell wrote in the first of the Johnson Club Papers, published in 1899.

"Johnson" he said, "has only a cracked stone and a worn-out inscription (for the Hercules in St Paul's is unrecognisable), but he dwells where he would wish to dwell – in the loving memory of men."

Yours sincerely,
DAVID SERPELL,
25 Crossparks,
Dartmouth,
Devon.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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SANDRINGHAM
January 10: Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

YORK HOUSE
ST. JAMES'S PALACE
January 10: The Duchess of Kent today visited the Norwich Institution for the Blind, Norwich.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs David Napier.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will attend a concert to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Sir Edward Elgar at the Festival Hall, on February 23.

Requiem Mass

Sir Ralph Richardson

Requiem Mass for Sir Ralph Richardson was celebrated yesterday by Bishop Agnellus Andrew at Corpus Christi Church, Maiden Lane, WC2. Mr Michael Williams, Chairman of the Catholic Stage Guild, Mr Lionel Jeffries and the Rev G. R. Leonard, national chaplain of the guild, read the lessons. Sir John Gielgud, CH, gave an address. Geoffrey Shovelton sang *Panis Angelicus* by Franck. Others present included:

Lady Richardson (widow), Viscountess Astor, Lord Thomas of Swynnerton, Sir Alec Guinness, Miss Judi Dench, Mrs Lionel Jeffries, Miss Margaret Scott, Mr Cyril Cusack, Mr and Mrs M Robbins, Miss Patricia Hall (Theatre Club of Great Britain), Mr John Hi... (Arts Educational School), Mr B... Baschwitz, Mr Peter Westmore, Mr ... Foss, Miss Gabrielle Mowbray, Mr and Miss Mary Jane Kemp.

Funeral service

Sir Morris Sugden

The Archbishop of Canterbury pronounced the blessing at the funeral service for Sir Morris Sugden held at the Church of St Edward, King and Martyr, Cambridge, yesterday. The Rev Barrie Williams, the Rev Dr G. M. Newlands, Dean and Chaplain of Trinity Hall, and the Rev Professor ... Ward, Professor of Moral Theology, King's College, London, officiated. A reading was given by Mr G. Storey and an address by Dr ... Steinberg. Among those present were:

Lady Sugden (widow), Mr A M Sugden (son), the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University and Lady Butterfield, Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, the Master of Trinity College and Lady Hodgkin, the Master of Selwyn College and Mrs Cook, the Master of Corpus Christi College and Mrs McCrum, the Master of Pembroke College and Lady ..., the Master of Darwin College, the Master of St John's College and Mrs ...ley, the Master of Christ's College and Lady Kornberg, the President of Queen's College, Lady Cottrell (representing the Master of Jesus College), the Warden of Robinson College and Lady Lewis, the Vice-Master of Churchill College, Professor H J Emeleus (representing Sidney Sussex College), Dr J E Harker (representing Girton College), the President of Clare Hall, Dr D J Brown (representing Sheffield University).

Lord Ashby, the Bishop of Ely and Mrs Walker, Dame Rosemary Murray, the vice-master, senior tutor, bursar and fellows of Trinity Hall; Sir James and Lady Menter, Sir John Mason, Lady Ryle, Lady Bragg, Lady Young, Dr R W J Keay (Royal Society), Professor Glyn Daniel, Mr E Wilson (Shell Trust for Higher Education), Colonel A C L Sperling, the Rev B R and Mrs Buchanan, Professor and Mrs R W K Honeycomb, Professor C R Pao (International Union of Chemistry), Dr and Mrs D A Thomas, Mr A Bradford, Dr I W Smith (Faraday division, Royal Society), Professor J E Ffowcs Williams (Cambridge University Engineering Department), Professor and Mrs J P Stern, Professor and Mrs B A Thrush, Professor and Mrs D Linden Bell.

Professor and Mrs W A Mair, the Rev Professor H Chadwick, the Rev A C and Mrs Smith, Professor and Mrs P G Ashmore, Professor J M Thomas (Cambridge University, Department of Physical Chemistry), Professor and Mrs R A Raphael, the Head Porter of Trinity Hall, Professor G Smith, Professor and Mrs H B Barlow, Professor J H Purnell, Professor G C Harcourt, Professor K R Jennings, Professor D Kendall, Professor A R Battersby, Professor and Mrs F Thistlethwaite, Professor P H Matthews, Professor D Smith, Professor A D Buckingham, Professor P J Wheatley, administrative staff of the Royal Society, members of the college staff and representatives of Shell

Forthcoming marriages

Captain the Hon J. N. Stopford and Miss B. M. MacDonald Milner

The engagement is announced between Jeremy Stopford, Irish Guards, younger son of the late Earl of Courtown, and of the Countess of Courtown, of Jordans, Buckinghamshire, and Bronwen, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs David MacDonald Milner, of Ashford Hill, Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr J. S. Younger and Miss K. A. Spencer

The engagement is announced between Sam, only son of the Hon Lady Younger, Old Park Farm House, Bosham, Sussex, and of the late Right Hon Sir Kenneth Younger, and Katherine Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. K. Spencer, of Abergavenny, Gwent.

Mr W. J. B. Baird and Miss J. F. Larmor

The engagement is announced between William James Burgoyne, younger son of Mr and Mrs F. W. B. Baird, 45 Mill Hill, Waringstown, and Jessica Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. W. Larmor, 180 Old Ballynahinch Road, Baillies Mills, Lisburn, Northern Ireland.

Mr A. M. O. Binns and Signorina M-A. Springolo

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Dr and Mrs T. B. Binns, of The Causeway, Horsham, Sussex, and Maria-Adelaide, daughter of Commandante and Signora A. Springolo, of Viale XXIV Maggio, Treviso, Italy.

Mr R. S. Gubbins and Miss C. M. Monro

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of the late Major M. N. T. Gubbins and Mrs E. E. Hay, of Harting, Petersfield, Hampshire, and Carolyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. A. S. Monro, of Wisborough Green, West Sussex.

Mr I. C. L. Harrison and Miss C. E. Menzies

The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs T. J. C. Harrison, of Little Stream, Ascot, Berkshire, and Cynthia, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Menzies, Kames, Duns, Berwickshire.

Mr N. G. Hayes and Miss G. M. Baxter

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. G. Hayes, of Village Road, Enfield, and Gillian, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Baxter, of Wellington Road, Enfield.

Mr A. C. Howard and Miss G. M. McIntyre

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr John Howard and the late Mrs Prue Howard, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Gillian, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Donald McIntyre, of Lochearnhead, Perthshire.

Mr C. Merlin and Miss S. E. Clement

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr ... Merlin of Athens, Greece and ... P. Merlin, of Putney, London, and Sara, daughter of Mr and Mrs ... M. Clement, of Dolgarreg, Llandovery, Dyfed.

Mr D. J. B. Reid and Miss F. M. Cameron

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs G. B. Reid, of Hartfield, Sussex, and Putsy, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs M. D. Cameron, of London.

Mr J. M. D. Spackman and Miss H. C. Jackson

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, only son of Mr and Mrs A. W. D. Spackman, of Wokingham, Berkshire, and ... Claire, only daughter of Dr and ... D. E. Jackson, of St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Mr I. D. Wilson and Miss H. D. Allen

The engagement is announced between Ian David, son of Mr and Mrs B. G. Wilson, of ... Bradford, and Harriet Do..., daughter of Professor and Mrs ... Allen, of Canonbury, London.

Marriages

Mr R. Ballantyne and Miss E. Dodds

The marriage took place on January 5 at Merton Register Office of Rupert Ballantyne, of Bradford-on-Avon, son of the late ... Ballantyne and of Mrs B. Ballantyne, of Bowdon, Cheshire, and Miss Elizabeth Dodds, of ... Park, daughter of Mr and Mrs ... Dodds, of Oundle, Northamptonshire.

Baron J. H. de Haldevang and Miss P. J. Mills

The marriage took place on ... January 6, in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks between ... Jan de Haldevang, Scots Guards, eldest son of Baron and Baroness von Haldenwang, of Cairo, ..., and Miss Philippa Mills, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Mills, of Barrington Grove, Burford, Oxfordshire. The Rev Colin M... officiated, assisted by Dom A... Sutch, OSB, and the Rev N... Thomas.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Frances and Alexandra Lord-Phillips, Patricia Price, Eliane Z..., Alice Lewes and Fiona S... Baron Bernhard de Haldevang was best man.

A reception was held at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall.

Birthdays today

The Right Rev J. A. Baker, 5..; Mr Alan Bowness, 56; Mr Henry Hall, 41; Mr Neville Duke, 6..; Air Marshal Sir Reginald Emson, 72; Lord Jacques, 79; Major Sir Mark Milbank, 77; Mr Alastair Mason, 46; Sir Anthony Nutting, 6..; Mr Alan Paton, 81; Mr J. Raleigh Belcher, 67; Air Marshal Sir John Rogers, 56; Air Commodore Joy Tamblin, 58; Mr R. C. Tress, 6..; Mr S. R. Walker, 92.

Luncheon

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary

Sir Lawrence Byford, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, presided at the annual reunion luncheon of HM Inspectorate of Constabulary held yesterday at New Scotland Yard. The principal guest was Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for the Home Department, and others present included:

The Hon Douglas Hurd, Minister of State for the Home Department, Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir James Crane, Sir Brian Cubbon, Sir James Haughton, Sir John Hill, Sir Eric St Johnston, Sir Kenneth Newman, Sir Colin Woods, Mr R S Barratt, Mr R H Barton, Mr J H Brownlow, Mr J Dellow, Mr N Galbraith, Mr D Halsey, Mr C B Hewitt, Miss K Hill, Mr P Kavanagh, Mr A Laugharne, Miss J S Law, Mr J T Manuel, Mr A Morrison, Mr P A Myers, Mr B N Pain, Mr M J Partridge, Mr S E Peck, Miss P Sigsworth, Mr H Taylor, Mr B Weigh, Mr P J Westley and Mr J Woodcock.

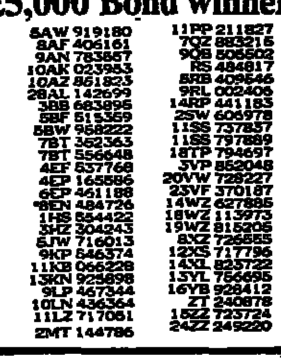
Dinner

The Duke of St Albans

The Duke of St Albans gave a dinner yesterday at Brooks's for some descendants of King Charles II and Nell Gwyn to celebrate the tercentenary of the creation of the dukedom of St Albans on January 10, 1683/4. Mr Peter Beauclerk-Dewar spoke. Among those present were:

Diana Duchess of Newcastle, the Marquess of Aberdeen and Temair, the Earl of Burford, the Countess of Sutherland, Lady Caroline ffrench Blake, Viscount Ingleby, Diana, Viscountess Gage, Lord Vere of Hanworth, Lord Alastair Gordon, Lord Wakehurst, Lady Emma Beauclerk, the Hon Mrs Dawnay, the Hon Thomas Foley, Lady Hagart-Alexander of Ballochmyle, Mr Ralph Beauclerk, Mr William Beauclerk, Mrs Robert Beveridge, Mr Edward Cavendish, Mme Chauvin de Précourt, Mlle Anne Chauvin de Précourt, Mr Hamish Clifton, Mr Rupert Clifton, Mrs Andrew Clowes, Peter Drummond-Murray of Mastrick, Mrs Dominic Mintoff and Mrs Anthony Sykes.

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11LZ 717061	15ZZ 723724
2MT 144786	24ZZ 249220



Feeling is believing: Mrs Winifred Gillard-Cove, aged 79, who has recently had her sight partially restored, touching the Duchess of Kent's hair during a royal tour of the Institute for the Blind at Norwich yesterday. Mrs Gillard-Cove said she thought the duchess was wearing a white hat.

Academics offer aid for Italian studies

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Scholarships for young people who want to study Italian art and archaeology in Rome during the Easter vacation are being offered by the Anglo-Italian Institute which was formed a year ago by a group of academics from Oxford University and the University of Rome.

The inaugural art history scholarship course, which takes place between March 26 and May 5 in a seventeenth-century palace on the Aventine Hill overlooking the Tiber, costs £575 for six weeks' tuition. Mr Iain McGilchrist, the institute's director and Quondam fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, said it was hoped to award 12 scholarships to cover all or part of these fees.

The course is a specialist one in the connoisseurship and conservation of paintings, sculpture, monuments and gardens and there will be 14 or 15 lectures, one of which will be given by Joan Seddon, picture restorer to the Queen's Collection and National Galleries.

The institute will be taking up to 20 students on the course, which is aimed at first-year undergraduates or school leavers, aged 18 to 20, who want to find out more about art history and archaeology. Students will have to pay for their accommodation themselves. This can be arranged in an hotel or with a family and costs from £200 to £550 for the six weeks, depending on the circumstances.

Enrolment forms are available from the Anglo-Italian Institute, Hillhampton House, Sunningdale, Berkshire.

Storming win at bridge congress

The Glasgow Bridge Centre, an amalgamation of two leading clubs, the New Kenmure and St Mungo, held its first congress at the Hydro Hotel, Peebles over the weekend under the auspices of the Scottish Bridge Union.

In the main event for the Grand Prix pairs Scottish internationals Willie Coyle and Jennifer Monachan had a storming third session to climb from ninth place to a comfortable victory.

Gerald Haase and Albert Benjamin looked to have an unassailable lead after two sessions but dropped to eighth place but in partnership with Mrs Benjamin and Mrs S. Will won the two session teams event

1. W Coyle Mrs J Monachan 1,949; 2. M Levinson L Levinson 1,911; 3. D Landa S Raskin 1,910; 4. Mrs B Kay Mrs J Benson 1,871; 5. R Levitus L Sarsby 1,855; 6. Mrs A L Fleming Mrs V A Bingham 1,855; 7. Mrs C Harrison Miss J Macdonald 1,806; 8. A L Benjamin Dr J Haase 1,798
Teams: 1. Mr and Mrs A L Benjamin Mrs S Will Dr G Haase 101; 2. Mr and Mrs Ian Benson, Mr and Mrs Allen Kay 99; 3. W Coyle Mrs J Monachan, Mr and Mrs G Arnott 98

Latest appointments

Mr Ian Phillipps, to be a member of the new Review Body for Nursing and Midwifery Staff and Professions Allied to Medicine.

Howell's School, Denbigh

Spring Term begins today at Howell's School, Denbigh. Scholarship examinations will take place at the school from January 25 to 27. Half term is from February 18 to 22. The school will be open to the public on Friday, March 16 from 2 pm onwards. Term ends on March 28.

Queen Ethelburga's School, Harrogate

Spring Term at Queen Ethelburga's School opens today. The junior department is progressing well and is increased in number again. House plays are in January (junior) and March (Senior). The visit of the exchange pupils from France is from March 9 to 23 and term ends on Tuesday April 3.

Clifton College

Term begins today. A. J. Townend (East Town) is head of school and M. R. Davies (North Town) second head of school. Confirmation by the Bishop of Bristol will be on Sunday, March 4. A performance of Berlioz's *Te Deum* will be given at the Colston Hall on Tuesday, March 13, in conjunction with the choral societies of Badminton School and Clifton High School. Exeat is from February 18-21 (inclusive) and terms ends on March 28. The OC reunion will be held on May 19/20 for those born between 1927 and 1934.

St Audries School

In 1984 the school celebrates its 50th anniversary on its present site and to mark the occasion there will be a series of events throughout the year.

This term the major will be a service of confirmation and rededication in Wells Cathedral on Friday, March 9 at 3 pm at which the Bishop of Exeter, one of the school's visitors, will be officiating. Old girls are welcome.

The annual inspection of the St John Nursing Cadet Division takes place on March 22 and there will be a concert given by the school on March 25. Term begins today and ends on March 28.

St Leonards School, St Andrews

Spring term begins today and ends on Wednesday, March 28, 1984. Half term will be Friday, February 17 to Tuesday February 21, 1984.

Allhallows School Devon

Lent Term at Allhallows School begins today and ends on Wednesday, March 28. Junior scholarship examinations will take place in the week beginning February 20. Closing date for applications February 4. Interviews for sixth form scholarships will take place on March 9/10. Closing date for applications February 24.

Cobham Hall School

Cobham Hall School's Spring Term begins today. Kate Pelham Burn continues as guardian. The confirmation service will be conducted by the Bishop of Tonbridge on March 14 and the performance of the school play will take place on March 22, 1984.

Harrogate College

Harrogate College reopened today for the spring term with 442 girls, 85 in the sixth form. Sarah Thompson is head of school. Half term is from February 23 to 28 and term ends on April 5.

Burgess Hill School for Girls

Spring Term began yesterday and ends on Friday, March 30. Half term will be from Friday, February 17, to Wednesday, February 22. *The Golden Flute* will be performed on March 23 and 24.

Charterhouse

Long Quarter begins today. P. S. Montgomery is head of school and P. L. E. Doxey and T. E. Riley are deputy heads. P. S. Montgomery is captain of hockey and D. K. T. Adomakoh is captain of football. Exeat is from February 17-21 and the quarter ends on Saturday, March 24. The Ben Travers Theatre will be opened with a production of *Thark* from January 16-21.

Science report

Hope for endangered species

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Scientists at San Diego Zoo in California are using recent discoveries in genetic engineering and biotechnology to save endangered species and to lay the groundwork for gene therapy, in order to protect rare animals from genetic disorders.

The research needed before the new findings in molecular genetics can be applied to specific families of animals or varieties of plants is planned by Dr Oliver Ryder and Dr Kurt Benirschke, a director of the zoo and professor of pathology at the University of California's San Diego School of Medicine. Their work includes cryopreservation of skin cells of nearly 350 different animals from 120 species, in addition to a bank of frozen sperm and ova.

At present the semen is used for artificial insemination and the ova, which range in size from two cells to the blastocyst stage of several hundred cells, are implanted into females of the same or related species. The population of several threatened species such as the Arabian oryx and Przewalski's horse have been enlarged to the point where they could be reintroduced into the wild. Antelope have been bred in antelope by donor intervention and bantang, gaur and water buffalo have been bred from domestic cattle.

The consideration that has to be given to a decision to try to sustain a wild population or to propagate in captivity an endangered species is described by Dr Ryder in the current issue of *Genetic Engineering News*. He says it is difficult to decide which animals should be saved.

There are about 800 endangered species of birds and mammals, and there is insufficient room in zoos to establish large enough populations to ensure the survival of all of them. He illustrates the method for making the selection opened by molecular genetics with a specific case.

There are two species of rhinoceros in Africa, the white and the black. The white variety is divided into two subspecies, the northern found in Zaire and Sudan and the southern living in south-west Africa. It was thought some years ago that the southern rhinoceros was almost extinct but an intensive breeding programme at San Diego established a population of 50. The number of northern rhino in the wild is down to about 20 animals.

Dr Ryder says it is important to know, therefore, whether the northern and southern subspecies are significantly different, and whether they are fundamentally different in genetic terms from the black rhino. If any of them are genetically the same, much time, effort and money could be saved by preserving only those animals with distinct differences. By the same token, if there are marked differences then all three rhinos should be saved.

The issue was resolved by using the method devised to make maps of the hundreds of genes which can be identified in a strand of DNA taken from the cell of a mammal. All three rhinoceros were found to be clearly distinguishable from each other and in Dr Ryder's view establishes that all three types should be saved. Similar investigations for other endangered families and for animals such as the gorilla, which is relatively long-lived but about which there is little genetic information.

In addition to aiding conservation, the genetics research is also throwing light on how similar or identical DNA sequences evolved evolutionarily. Living species of horse are well known for a divergence in the number of chromosomes they carry, varying from 66 in the Mongolian wild horse to 32 in the mountain zebra. Yet despite these differences, equine animals are known for their ability to reproduce interspecific sterile hybrids, suggesting a high degree of genetic similarity.

Source: Genetic Engineering News, volume 3 no 6, Mary Ann Liebert Publishers, New York.

OBITUARY

PRINCE SOUVANNA PHOUMA

Former Prime Minister of Laos

Prince Souvanna Phouma, who was Prime Minister of Laos on several occasions in the years before the communist takover in 1975, died in Vientiane on January 10 at the age of 82.

Souvanna Phouma was a politician of personal charm, liberal values and cultivated tastes who stood for a time as a symbol of national reconciliation. His ability to perform that role depended in part on his personal relationship with his half-brother Prince Souphanouvong, the nominal head of the pro-communist Pathet Lao movement, and now President of the People's Democratic Republic.

In the event the failure of American policy in Vietnam left Laos vulnerable to communist take-over, and Souvanna Phouma did not survive politically the internal transfer of power at the end of 1975.

Souvanna Phouma was born on October 7, 1901, in Luang Prabang into the junior branch of the royal family. He was trained as a civil engineer in Vietnam and France. In 1931 he entered the public works service of Indo-China, rising to the post of director of public works in Laos.

He became involved in politics at the end of the Second World War during the interregnum before the return of the French. With two brothers he formed the Free Laos movement in opposition to French rule, and spent a short exile in Thailand. He returned to Laos after France recognized its independence in 1949.

In 1950 he became Minister of Public Works and in the following year, Prime Minister, a post he held for longer than any other Laotian politician. He negotiated the full transfer of sovereignty from France and represented Laos at the Geneva conference on Indo-China in mid-1954.

The terms of settlement for Laos reflected internal political divisions which were also an expression of the unresolved conflict in neighbouring Vietnam. After Geneva Souvanna Phouma played the major role in negotiating with the Pathet Lao, and his enterprise was rewarded with their participation in November, 1957, in a government of national union.

Pathet Lao participation in government and subsequent electoral success, however, provoked a right-wing military reaction, and Souvanna Phouma left office to serve as ambassador to France during 1958-60.

He returned to the centre of the political stage after a coup d'etat in August, 1960, led by the paratroop captain, Kong Le. At that time Souvanna Phouma's neutral stance provoked Thai and American opposition, and he accepted Soviet support. He was forced into exile in Cambodia in December, 1960, but returned to high office after the conclusion of the Geneva conference on Laos in July, 1962, as head of another government of national union.

He was never able, however, to overcome deep-seated internal political divisions, which were reinforced by external intervention. After an abortive attempt to restore political equilibrium in 1964 he leant progressively on American support as conflicts in Laos matched the polarization of forces in neighbouring Vietnam.

After the Paris peace agreement for Vietnam, a corresponding accord for Laos was concluded in 1973, and Souvanna Phouma headed yet another coalition government. This time he assumed little more than a caretaker role until his final resignation as Prime Minister on December 3, 1975. On resignation he was given a formal position as adviser to the new government, but played no part in the political life of the People's Democratic Republic of Laos.

MR JAMES CUBITT

Mr James Cubitt, MBE, who died on December 16 in London at the age of 69, was Senior Partner of James Cubitt and Partners, the architects' firm which he helped to found in 1948, and himself responsible for school and university buildings in several countries of the developing world.

He was born in May 1, 1914, and educated at Harrow and Brasenose College, Oxford. He received his diploma from the Architectural Association School of Architecture. In 1940 he joined the Royal West African Frontier Force, and spent the war years with them, serving in Africa, India and Burma.

Those experieces gave Cubitt an interst in the countries of the developing world and when, with three other partners, he set up in practice in 1948, much of their activity was in Arica and the Far East. They designed schools, institutes and university campuses in Ghana, Nigeria and Sierra Leone, as well as in Malaysia and Brunei.

Cubitt himself was responsible for exhibition and shop designs in this country, for schools in Hertfordshire, Yorkshire and London, and for the collegiate theatre at University College, London. Overseas he designed a number of public and private buildings in Ghana, and he had two big projects as architect for the universities of Nigeria and Libya.

Work on the University of Nigeria at Nsukka was stopped at the time of the civil war, but resumed in recent years. Cubitt's design was remarkable for its use of traditional materials, such as mulch and thatch, in a modern context. In Libya he produced a major monumental design for Garyounis University in Benghazi, a 400-hectacre site for 22,000 students.

He was also a sculptor, and one of the features of his designs was his use of sculpture. Cubitt began work as a sculptor in 1957 "to improve my architecture and for itself if successful", and over the years he had a number of one-man shows in London, New York and elsewhere.

From 1959 to 1966 he was a member of the council of the Architectural Association, serving as president 1965-66. He was also active politically, and was chairman of the Mortimer and Burghfield Labour Party from 1974 to 1982.

He was married three times, and is survived by his third wife, Eleni, whom he married in 1973.

He had two sons and a daughter from his earlier marriages.

MR HARRY SELBY

Mr Harry Selby, who has died at his home in Glasgow at the age of 70, was Labour MP for Glasgow Govan from 1974 to 1979.

A hairdresser by trade, Harry Selby had served during the war as a Private in the Highland Light Infantry and the Royal Corps of Signals.

A lifelong Marxist, Glasgow councillor from 1972, and chairman of the Govan constituency party for 11 years, he seemed to have a comparatively easy task on his hands as an archetypal Clydeside Labour candidate when a by-election was called in Govan on the death of its long-serving Labour MP John Rankin, in October 1973.

However when the by-election took place in November of that year he was surprisingly beaten by the very personable Scottish Nationalist Party candidate, Margo McDonald who turned Labour's overwhelming 2-1 majority over all other parties at the previous general election into a 571 vote victory for herself. This was a display of Nationalist strength which administered a salutary shock to the Labour opposition at a time of Government unpopularity.

The electors reversed their decision at the General Election of February 1974 to return Selby to Parliament for Labour, though by an equally wafer thin majority over Mrs MacDonald. Selby improved on his position over Mrs MacDonald in the election of October 1974 and held the seat until he retired at the 1979 General Election.

He had married, in 1937, Jeannie McKean and had one son.

MR DIMITRIOS BITSIOS

Mr Dimitrios Bitsios, who died in Athens on January 9 at the age of 68, was Greek Foreign Minister from 1974 to 1977 in the first government after the fall of the military dictatorship, and as such negotiated a US-Greek defence agreement with Dr Henry Kissinger, then United States Secretary of State.

He was born in Athens in 1915 and joined the diplomatic service. From 1961 to 1965 he was Greek permanent representative at the United Nations, before becoming political adviser to King Constantine in the period leading up to the 1967 military coup. He was sent back to the United Nations by the military regime in 1969, but resigned in 1971 after disagreement with them.

On the fall of the colonels Bitsios was appointed Foreign Minister and made his mark on current Greek foreign policy. The defence agreement he negotiated with Dr Kissinger, which provided for American aid to Greece and committed the United States to oppose Greek-Turkish conflict over the Aegean, was never signed; but many elements of it were incorporated in the subsequent agreement signed last autumn.

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MARKET REPORT ● by Michael Clark

Bid for Trident expected

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings began, Dec. 30. Dealings end, Jan 13. Contango Day, Jan 16. Settlement Day, Jan 23.

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[...] shrugged

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shares closed unchanged at 138p.

The rest of the equity market showed signs of running out of steam after its recent record

Prince of Wales Hotels looks ripe for a takeover bid. Kuwaiti interests yesterday announced a 10.8 per cent shareholding, making them the second largest stakeholder after Taddale Investments (14 per cent). Other leading shareholdings include Epicure Holdings, the Bass brewing group and Town Centre Securities. The appearance of the Kuwaitis pushed the shares up 2p to 120p. They were 58 last year.

breaking as investors decided to cash in on the large profits that have built up over the past couple of weeks. The FT Index closed slightly above its low for the day 3.2 down at 796.8.

Gilts lost up to 50p following the latest money supple figures showing an unexpected increase in sterling M3 of 1¼ per cent, which was at the top end of expectations. Dealers reckon this may now force the Government back into the market to help finance its expenditure programme and keep M3 on target.

The firmer appearance on Wall Street and the latest rise in the retail sales of 1.6 per cent over the previous month did little to inspire leading equities. The only gains were seen in **Beecham** 3p up at 316p. **Glaxo** 10p at 755p. **Courtaulds** 2p at 132p. **Lucas Industries** 3p at 189p and **Imperial Group** 2p at 146p.

Shares of Dublin-based **Jefferson Smurfit** spurted 5p to 129p following a presentation with the institutions arranged by broker Rowe & Pitman. Smurfit has just completed some major paper and packaging deals in the US where the group now has over 75 per cent of its assets. Dealers expect a strong upturn in the group's fortunes over the next three years and the group has already forecast I£12m for 1984 against I£9m last time.

There were several large lines of stock on offer with Hawker

Dealers have reported some interesting option business in shares of Riley Leisure, Britain's largest snooker club operator, where investors are paying up to 18p for the call for three-month options. Word is the group may soon be the target of a bid from someone like Ladbroke. Shares of Riley closed unchanged at 146p 8p above the year's low.

Siddeley slipping 6p to 376p after a line of 500,000 were put through the market. **Prudential Corp** also lost 7p to 834p as 500,000 were cleared. But in properties MEPC tumbled 7p to 276p as one seller failed to find a home for over 1 million shares. The attempted sale coincided with the group's decision to issue £70m of corporate bonds.

Casson, a privately owned company, has sold a total of 299,000 shares in Bronx Engineering reducing its holding to 1.75 million shares, or 14 per cent of the issued share capital. Bronx shares added ½p to 15½p

The National Mutual Life Association of Australia now holds over 2 million shares in Paringa Mining & Exploration following the distribution in specie by Apollo Minerals of its shares. NMLA now owns 14.72 per cent of the equity. Paringa slipped 1p to 66p on the news.

Sun Life Assurance has topped up its stake in Viking Resources, the investment trust, and now controls 3.07 million shares, or 7.68 per cent of that total. Viking lost 1p to 83p.

Speculation that someone is building up a stake in **Leyland Paint** added 4p to the shares at 20½p, while the brewer **Greenall Whitley** responded with a rise of 6p to 132p following yesterday's article in *The Times*.

Lyle Shipping held course at 110p after announcing the closure of its subsidiary, Scottish Ship Management, following severe trading losses.

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Sterling: Spot and Forward

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was 81.8, up 0.1.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Hoare Govett wins the Telecom challenge

Hoare Govett emerged yesterday as the stockbroking firm which has won the plum prize of advising the Government on the record £4,000m flotation of British Telecom next autumn. The issue, the biggest and most demanding by far of anything that the Government has yet tackled in its privatization programme, is widely acknowledged as the greatest marketing challenge the City has faced.

Carrying the field of at least eight of the City's most pukka stockbroking names is therefore another achievement of which Hoare Govett and its senior partner, Mr Richard Westmacott, can be justly proud. The recent survey of institutional investment patterns and preferences in the City confirmed that Hoare Govett already has a greater overall share of the market – taking gilts, equities and overseas stocks combined – than any other broking firm.

Hoare Govett was picked after a "beauty contest" of stockbroking hopefuls before Christmas. It will act as the lead broking firm advising Mr Norman Tebbit, the Trade and Industry Secretary, on preparations for the flotation, including such key issues as the pricing and marketing of the shares.

To back up Hoare Govett, Mr Tebbit has also appointed two other broking firms, de Zoete & Bevan and Scrimgeour, Kemp-Gee as additional advisers. Whereas Hoare Govett has been picked for its general market reputation and all-round research capability, these two firms have highly-regarded research abilities in the electricals and telecommunications field.

For de Zoete, this marks the completion of a successful double, since it has also just been appointed as one of two advisers to the Government for another impending privatization issue, that of Enterprise Oil, scheduled for this summer.

When Mr Tebbit announced in October that he was looking for broking advisers for the Telecom issue, he made it clear that he was looking in particular for novel ideas about how to encourage as wide a share ownership as possible.

Hoare Govett expects to have four of its corporate finance team working fulltime on the Telecom issue over the next nine months, along with at least three research people and – eventually – all 20 of its equity marketing team. Given that British Telecom also expects to appoint its own brokers in due course, the issue will not lack for the best professional City advice, all of which – and a bit more – looks likely to be needed. Naturally the one area on which a universal discreet silence fell yesterday was what fees the brokers stand to gain from the exercise.

Mercury in need of a backer

As British Telecom squares up to the challenge of going public, its designated sole major competitor, Mercury Communications, is far from clear about its financial future.

Mercury is controlled jointly by Cable and Wireless and British Petroleum which each own 40 per cent of the shares, Barclays Merchant Bank has the rest, but declared at the outset that it was a short-term holder and is now waiting for the two other shareholders to sort out an acceptable alternative. It is taking some time.

The options are for Barclays to sell its 20 per cent stake to a single new shareholder, to spread it among a number of investors or for C and W and BP to increase their stakes. They have first refusal.

Last year the matter was expected to be resolved by the end of this month. Sources close to the Mercury board say this is now back to being sorted out some time this year.

Barclays says that some resolution of the problem should be seen by the end of March. Its replacement as a shareholder, if it is to be a single holder, would need a big company with resources to commit sums totalling hundred of millions.

From the outset, Barclays limited its own commitment to £35m. There is about £15m still untapped, taking a figure of £100m as the total commitment of all three shareholders to date. The investment needed to put Mercury on the road to a competitive level would quickly absorb the balance of Barclay's declared limit.

Reuters in need of a method

The saga of Reuters, the City's other potential billion-pound flotation, will reach another crucial stage when the ten trustees who are charged with preserving the independence and integrity of the international news agency meet this week.

During meetings arranged for two separate days, S. G. Warburg, the merchant bankers, and other advisers will unveil their ideas for making sure Reuters maintains its unbiased stance and does not fall into the wrong hands. The proposals will be presented to the men whose organizations and empires stand to make enormous sums from the flotation which is believed will value the group at between £1 billion and £1.5 billion.

Even so, Mr Angus McLachlan, the Australian who leads the trustees, has already said that the trustees' approval is by no means a rubber-stamping job. There is mounting political concern that the independence and integrity safeguards should be of a real rather than cosmetic nature.

The cynical might suggest that any number of safeguards would be acceptable providing these did not lower the price at which shares were sold on the stock market. Others might argue that it is in the interests of the newspaper-owning shareholders to preserve the agencies' integrity, for without it the shares would be worthless.

Two ways in which the present owners could protect the agency from takeover attempts and thwart a build-up of influence by any one existing holder have been suggested. One would be to create a two-tier voting structure under which 25 per cent of existing shareholders' stakes would be retained and given enough extra votes to ensure that they keep majority control.

Another would be to create "master" shares for the trustees with sufficient votes to overrule outside or internal attempts for control.

The Press Association, which has four trustee representatives and whose members own 41 per cent of the Reuters shares, meets separately today to hear the proposals. It is unlikely that it will voice any objection.

Europeans set to [illegible]iate against US spec[illegible]els

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Hopes dwindled yesterday of averting a further twist in the steel war between Europe and the United States as officials on both sides predicted that the EEC would go ahead over the weekend with retaliatory action against US special steels.

The Regan Administration is "not optimistic", that it will be able to resolve the dispute in time to prevent the EEC from endorsing the first retaliatory action against the United States in its 26-year history.

Ambassador Robert Lighthizer, the deputy US trade representative, said yesterday it was quite likely that EEC ministers would approve at a meeting on Saturday a series of retaliatory tariffs estimated at $160m (£114m) a year against imports of American chemical and sports goods.

A European commission official confirmed yesterday that a list of "compensatory withdrawals" such as tariffs or quotas on certain imports from the US would be sent to the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (Gatt). However, he said: "At this stage we still can't exclude an agreement (with the US)."

The dispute comes after President Reagan's decision last July to impose tariffs and quotas on American imports of special steels.

In November, EEC ministers decided to extend to mid-January the deadline for talks with the US concerning compensation for the Administration's move.

If the EEC decides to retaliate, the action would interject "A significant new irritant" in trade relations with the United States which both sides have attempted to cool down over the last difficult 18 months. Mr Lightnizer said.

Several hi[illegible] officials have b[illegible] retaliatory acti[illegible] strate to the U[illegible] Community's a[illegible] firm in difficu[illegible] tiations.

This was the [illegible] munity official[illegible] their American [illegible] a bilateral mee[illegible] last month.

EEC ministers [illegible] United States of [illegible] compensation [illegible] specialty steelma[illegible] restrictive Ameri[illegible] Community wo[illegible] choice but to ret[illegible] said.

Mr Lighthizer [illegible] that despite a fi[illegible] matic activity in [illegible] neither side has [illegible] agree on the cop[illegible] tion.

[illegible] special steels despite has [illegible] at a difficult time when [illegible]ean officials fear that a [illegible] bigger three-year steel [illegible]ent with the United [illegible] on carbon steel exports [illegible] community countries is [illegible]ened.

[illegible]C officials have warned [illegible] American counterparts [illegible] the threat by the US [illegible]anies to file a global [illegible] relief suit, which would [illegible] steel from the Third [illegible] and Europe, would [illegible] Europe and the US.

[illegible]group of powerful Ameri[illegible]companies, including US [illegible] Corp, Bethlehem Steel [illegible]nland Steel, have told the [illegible]nistration that they are [illegible]dering filing a suit to limit [illegible]ts of foreign steel to 15 [illegible]cent of the American [illegible], down from the present [illegible] of 20 per cent.

Index slips below 800

The FT Index slipped back below the 800 level when investors paused for thought after the latest money supply figures disappointed the market.

By the close of business, the index had lost 3.2 at 796.8 as leading shares fell on light profit-taking after the market's recent record-breaking run. However, dealers were confident it would prove only a minor setback and said the undertone remained firm.

Stores made little headway after the latest increase in retail sales and drifted in line with the rest of the market.

Gilts encountered losses of up to 50p, amid nervous selling as the pound hit a new all-time low, before recovering slightly towards the close. But dealers were unperturbed by the falls and said that the gilts had been waiting for some profit-taking.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 796.8 down 3.2
FT Gilts: 83.68 down 0.09
FT All Share: 486.30 down 0.46
Bargains: 20,851
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 101.67 up 0.3
New York: Dow Jones Average: (latest) 1286.33 up 0.11
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,016.21 down 37.60
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 943.34 up 5.88
Amsterdam: 173.0 down 1.1
Sydney: AO Index 776.0 down 11.9
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1050.0 up 15.4
Brussels: General Index 139.26 up 0.48
Paris: CAC Index 165.9 up 0.4
Zurich: SKA General 317.0 down 4.9

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling
$1.4015 down 35pts
Index 81.8 up 0.1
DM 3.9475 down 0.0175
FrF 12.05 down 0.04
Yen 327.50 up 0.50
Dollar
Index 131.6 down 0.4
DM 2.8140 down 0.0160
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.4030
Dollar DM 2.8140
INTERNATIONAL
ECU£0.572344
SDR£0.739080

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9
Finance houses base rate 9½
Discount market loans week fixed 9⅛-9
3 month interbank 9⁹⁄₁₆-9⁷⁄₁₆
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 9¹³⁄₁₆-9¹¹⁄₁₆
3 month DM 6⅛-6
3 month Fr F13⅝-13⁵⁄₁₆
US rates
Bank prime rate 11.00
Fed funds 9⁵⁄₁₆
Treasury long bond 101¾-101⅞
102/32

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $367.50 pm $371.25
close $370.50-371.25 (£263.75-264.25)
New York (close): $369.25
Krugerrand* (per coin): $382-383.50 (£272-273)
Sovereigns* (new): $87-88 (£62-62.75)
*Excludes VAT

Retail sales near peak

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

Consumer spending in the shops forged ahead in November as families financed their buying spree with record borrowing.

Final figures from the Department of Trade and Industry show that the volume of retail sales, adjusted for usual seasonal changes, was running 1.5 per cent above the average level for the previous three months. The index of 117 (1978=100) was only a whisker below the peak of 117.3 seen in September, and another good set of figures is expected for December.

In cash terms, sales were 10 per cent higher in November than a year earlier, worth £6,380m. The amount of new consumer credit granted by finance houses, retailers and others reached a peak of £975m.

The spending boom has continued unabated since the summer of 1982 when credit controls were abolished, and had shown little sign of running out of steam.

Until late last year, the main impetus came [illegible] savings and highe[illegible] especially via mor[illegible] from the banks [illegible] building societies [illegible] amount lent for ho[illegible] is thought to lea[illegible] sumption.

More recently, t[illegible] been fuelled by [illegible] increase in living s[illegible] pay rises for those i[illegible] outpaced higher [illegible] taxes. Real after-ta[illegible] adjusted for inflati[illegible] 2.5 per cent in the [illegible] autumn.

[illegible]US-owned [illegible]ard wins [illegible]ritoil job

[illegible]y Our Industrial Staff

[illegible]oil yesterday placed a [illegible] order for an oil pro[illegible]n platform jacket with the [illegible]can-owned McDermott [illegible]at Ardersier, near Inver[illegible].

[illegible] order comes a few weeks [illegible] the company cancelled an [illegible] order for Scott Lithgow [illegible] lower Clyde.

[illegible]Dermott is to build the [illegible] ton steel jacket for [illegible]'s North Sea Clyde field, [illegible] is expected to go into [illegible]ction in late 1987.

[illegible] structure is due for [illegible]etion by summer next [illegible]. The yard's two rig [illegible]cts are due for com[illegible] in February or March [illegible]s order book was running [illegible].

[illegible] Clyde field, 180 miles [illegible] of Aberdeen, is the [illegible] be taken from discovery [illegible]h to production by the [illegible]y state-owned oil com[illegible].

[illegible]oil's joint managing [illegible], Mr Malcolm Ford, [illegible]We are very pleased to be [illegible] place this major contract [illegible]British yard.

[illegible] project is being de[illegible] and managed in Ren[illegible]re and the award to this [illegible]xtends its 'Scottishness'." [illegible]id the company chose [illegible]o good bids and added: [illegible]only confirms that British [illegible]y can be as competitive [illegible] in the world when the [illegible]ises."

[illegible]Clyde field is operated by [illegible] in partnership with Shell [illegible]so. Britoil has invested [illegible]n in the field which is [illegible]d to yield 50 million [illegible] a day after coming on [illegible].

[illegible]order for the platform [illegible]worth £70m, is expected [illegible] placed in April. [illegible] jacket order will guaran[illegible]00 jobs at the Ardersier [illegible]which is due to complete [illegible]rders for Conoco and [illegible] Gas in the next two [illegible].

[illegible]Dermott won the Britoil [illegible] in the face of stiff [illegible]tition from both British [illegible]reign yards, including its [illegible]our Highland Fabricators [illegible].

MEPC in £70m bond issue

By Jonathan Clare

MEPC, Britain's second largest property company, yesterday took its second bite at the corporate bond market in under 18 months with a big issue to finance development and further reduce variable rate loans.

A £70m issue was brought forward to yesterday from next Wednesday because of the fear that other property companies were only waiting for a fall in interest rates before jumping in as well.

Mr Christopher Benson, MEPC's managing director, said: "I don't think we are speculators on whether interest rates will go up or down. I'm a little nervous about what will happen in the US. At 10¾ per cent (the fixed rate) we are very well pleased."

The new stock is repayable in 40 years.

MEPC was the last company to use the corporate bond market before it effectively closed down in 1972 and the second company to join in the 1982 revival with a £30m issue in September 1982.

It has £40m of variable sterling loans outstanding but some of them will be retained.

The balance of the cash will be used to finance a development programme, worth about £100m. This includes a big office development in Reading and two big shopping centres, one in Sheffield and the other in Leamington, Warwickshire.

Yesterday's issue as the September 1982 issue, which was entirely employed reducing short-term borrowings, is secured on specific properties. These include the prestige West One development in London's Oxford Street and the Friary shopping centre in Guildford, Surrey, which also underpinned the 1982 issue.

Mr Benson said that the company had examined several methods of raising money before deciding on a corporate bond. Rights issues by property companies are generally disliked because they reduce the net asset value per share. MEPC has the additional problem of living down an unpopular rights issue two years ago which upset some big institutional shareholders.

Analysts believed that yesterday's issue was large enough to satisfy MEPC's cash needs for up to 2½ years.

The terms of the £70m first mortgaged debenture stock 2024 are a rate of 10.75 per cent, an issue price of 95.711p

SOUTH CHINA SEA OIL EXPLORATION

BP abandons firs[illegible] Chinese trial wel[illegible]

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

British Petroleum has abandoned its first exploration well in China's offshore waters. The company found shows of oil, but not the obviously commercial find it had been hoping for.

The results of the well – the first to be drilled by any foreign company on the vast spread of exploration acreage opened by the Chinese two years ago – have been keenly awaited by oil companies and industry analysts.

BP's announcement yesterday said that the well, 100 miles south of Hongkong, had been abandoned after reaching a depth of 3,450 metres, having encountered "indications of liquid hydrocarbons". A short drillstem test had recovered samples of oil. The drilling rig is now being moved to another of the exploration blocks licensed to the BP-led consortium.

Although BP has been anxious to play down the significance of any single exploration well in the extensive three-year drilling programme to which it is committed in China, the results inevitably will be seen as disappointing.

Shares in BP fell 8p yesterday to 395p at one point rallying to close unchan[illegible] 403p. News of the disapp[illegible] Chinese drilling result [illegible] only weeks after the fir[illegible] damaging disclosure by B[illegible] its Mukluk well in Al[illegible] costing more than £200, [illegible] most expensive explorati[illegible] yet drilled – had failed t[illegible] oil.

Reports that the Chine[illegible] was not going to be the bo[illegible] some have been expectin[illegible] been circulating for a few [illegible] Yesterday's confirmation [illegible] not, therefore, come as a [illegible] surprise, and the share[illegible] mained firm, despite the [illegible] that today is the day on w[illegible] investors who bought BP s[illegible] share issue last September [illegible] to pay the second and [illegible] instalment on their allocati[illegible].

BP is the senior partner [illegible] 45 per cent of a consortium [illegible] was given exploration r[illegible] over more than 5,000 sq[illegible] miles by the Chinese gov[illegible] ment last year, in the first [illegible] series of concessions to for[illegible] oil companies. The BP con[illegible] tium includes BHP of Austr[illegible].

NEWS IN BRIEF

Record for business failures

Business failures last year were 8.2 per cent higher than in 1982, at 3,921, according to reports from trade indemnity policyholders. This was the highest number it had ever recorded.

There were reductions only in furniture and upholstery, where failures fell by 15.1 per cent from the particularly high levels of 1982 and in textiles and clothing, where failures edged down by 1 per cent. In both cases manufacturers fared significantly better than retailers and wholesalers.

Building and construction failures rose by 29.9 per cent. This was 70.8 per cent higher than in 1980.

● **Cookson Group**, the former Lead Industries, has taken over one of BTR's American offshoots in a near £19m deal. Alpha Metals, which supplies solder products, became part of BTR when the British conglomerate absorbed Thomas Tilling after a fierce battle last summer. Tilling has acquired Alpha about a year earlier. The American assets of Alpha have been paid for by the issue of 5,720,415 new Cookson shares.

● **Air Florida**, the troubled US airline, yesterday said it had secured its immediate future with a deal to turn debt into equity with one of its principle bankers. Interfirst Bank of Dallas, to which Air Florida owes $42m (£30m), is to take a big stake in the airline. The deal will reduce Air Florida's debts by about $33m.

● **Central Trustee Savings Bank**, the wholesale banking arm of the TSB Group, increased operating profits from £16.9m to £18.7m in the year to November 20. Customer advances rose by £40m to £217m and the balance sheet total grew by £200m to £1,603m.

Lloyd's to introduce rules on divestment by Easter

By Andrew Cornelius

The ruling council of Lloyd's has published details of its policy to meet the Government requirement that underwriting and broking interests within the insurance market should be separated before July, 1987.

Mr Peter Tillet, the new chairman of the 300-year old insurance market, says in a letter to all Lloyd's underwriting agents and brokers that bylaws to enforce the proposals will be introduced by Easter.

The aim will be to ensure that commercial links between Lloyd's brokers and underwriting agents do not survive in such a way as to permit either to exercise influence over the other except as a consequence of normal commercial relationships.

From Easter, all brokers and agents will have to tell the Council of Lloyd's of any association, change, or future association with another. Any failure to comply with this will be regarded as a disciplinary offence.

But in an important concession to those brokers considering selling their agencies to the existing management, the council is proposing to allow payments for the acquisition of an agency to be deferred until 1992. This will allow the organizers of a management buyout to pay for a business out of the profits they earn from the business between now and 1992.

Mr Miller said that the proposals go much further than the demands of the Lloyd's Act 1982

The council's proposals will also include strict controls to govern the secondment of staff, sharing profits and the competence of staff running underwriting agencies.

Wall Street rise falters

New York (AP-Dow Jones). – Wall Street shares slipped back yesterday, giving up part of their strong, early gains.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up by about 1.5 points, hovering at about the level of the record closing figure of 1,287.20 which was set on November 29 last year. But the gain had reached 5.5 points earlier in the day.

General Motors was up ⅛, at 80, Ford up ¾ at 45⅞.

Harvard 't[illegible] act against oil group'

By Our Financial Staff

Harvard Securities, one [illegible] the biggest firms of license[illegible] securities dealers, is taking leg[illegible] action against an oil company [illegible] had planned to bring to its ow[illegible] over-the-counter market las[illegible] November.

Yesterday, Mr Tom Wilmot[illegible] Harvard's managing director[illegible] said he expected to issue a writ [illegible] "at the crack of dawn this morning", against Petroleum Mining Corporation and its directors.

He said the action was being taken on the grounds of breaking the terms of the agreement to bring the company to the market, incorrect information and the non-disclosure of information.

Mr Wilmot said: "We are down the tube already to pay the costs of bringing PMC to the market of about £250,000 but the final bill could be £1m."

He said the directors had underestimated the true costs of bringing PMC's oil mining business into operation. PMC plans to bring oil to the surface from a reserve trapped in chalk in Louisianna, using standard mining techniques.

The prospectus for PMC offering £3.5m of shares was withdrawn last November after a poor public response and the decision of a single large investor not to go ahead.

[illegible]PORTANT NOTICE

[illegible]ECTION OF ONE REGIONAL MEMBER [illegible] THE MILK MARKETING BOARD FOR THE EASTERN REGION – 1984

[illegible] Milk Marketing Board hereby announce as [illegible]ows:

1. One Regional Member for the Eastern [illegible]ion has to be elected.
2. The Board have determined the election date [illegible]riday, 13 April 1984.
3. The Board are prepared to receive [illegible]inations of candidates for this election. Such [illegible]inations must be received by the Board at the [illegible]rd's offices at Thames Ditton, Surrey, not later [illegible] 6 p.m. on Monday, 27 February 1984.
4. Every person so nominated as a candidate for [illegible]tion to fill this vacancy must deposit with the [illegible]retary of the Board not later than 6 p.m. on [illegible]day, 27 February 1984 the sum of £20.00 in legal [illegible]der.
5. No person shall be qualified to be elected as [illegible]Regional Member of the Board for the Eastern [illegible]ion unless he or she has been nominated in [illegible]ing as a candidate by at least twenty registered [illegible]ducers entitled to vote in that election or by a [illegible]nty Branch of the National Farmers' Union in the [illegible]ern Region.
6. A candidate may withdraw from his or her [illegible]didature by a written notice to that effect provided [illegible] delivered at the offices of the Board at Thames [illegible]on, Surrey, not later than 6 p.m. on Thursday, 1 [illegible]ch 1984.
7. Any election literature issued by or on behalf [illegible] candidate should bear the name and address of [illegible]erson issuing it and the name of the candidate on [illegible]se behalf it is issued.

[illegible]ES:
1. This election is to fill a casual vacancy for a [illegible]onal Member to represent the Eastern Region [illegible]wing the resignation of Mr C W Wharton.
2. The person elected will hold office until the [illegible]ment date fixed for Board Member elections in

Venture fund brings psychoanalysis to the City

Headshrinking tomorrow's businessmen

By Wayne Lintott

Psychoanalysis has joined the vocabulary of the City and may soon rank as important an indicator of measuring success as cash flow projections, price earnings ratios and earnings per share.

Guiness Mahon, the merchant bank, has set up a £12m venture capital fund with a company called Venture Founders, an American-based group led by two behavioural scientists, one of them English.

The ideas and techniques of Venture Founders, already a proven success on a minor scale in Britain, has been backed by cash from 22 leading British financial institutions.

Between them, they hope to achieve long-term capital growth by taking out a minority stake in young companies

As the risk at an early stage of company development are so high, the returns are much greater if the company becomes succesful.

The institutions have subscribed for 120,000 shares of £1 each at par and 118,800 redeemable preference shares of 2p each at £100 per share.

Investments are offered ranging from £100,000 to £500,000 – more if the plan warrants it – in exchange for an equity stake of between 20-to-50 per cent, although the investment could include an element of debt and a lower equity stake.

Venture Founders wants to see companies keeping earnings for expansion and use the professional and managerial expertise within the fund on a non-executive director basis.

Unlike the Business Expansion Scheme funds Venture Founders will not be charging a fee because prospective entrepreneurs will have to undergo three weekend courses where an individual's attitudes will be examined thoroughly.

These courses will test an individual's character. A group of budding businessmen will have to sell each other products and deal with simulated crises and sudden success.

Venture Founders will examine how these people deal with their weaknesses and see whether they are honest about them

Mr Charles Duff, a director of Venture Founders, says that the individual and group techniques derive from the modern advances in psychotherapy and group therapy work.

An example of Venture Founders' work is illustrated by its connexion with the fast-growing Express Parcels Company.

That company's chief executive, Mr Tony Caper, was rejected on one such weekend as being too inexperienced.

His response was to entice away a more experienced colleague on the course and begin the company anyway.

A year later, in May 1982, Express Parcels approached Venture Founders virtually insolvent as a result of growing too fast with insufficient capital. Venture injected £150,000 for 25 per cent, added its own expertise and a year later the company turns over £5m, up from £1m.

LRC sells offshoot for £2.8m

By Vivien Goldsmith

LRC International has sold its Irradiated Products subsidiary to Isotron, a new company owned by a group of institutional investors.

LRC will use the £2.8m it received for IP to pursue its policy of growth by acquisition. IP provides cobalt which is used in the irradiation of medical devices and pharmaceuticals. It was used by LRC to irradiate surgeon's gloves and this service will continue under an agreement with Isotron.

In the year to March, 1983, IP made a pretax profit of £330,000 on a turnover of £1.4m. Net assets were £850,412.

Mr David Sadtler, LRC's corporate development director, said: "We were approached with a very attractive offer. And it frees the cash for our ambitious growth plans. We have not made any Major acquisions yet because they are tough to find."

Isotron's institutional investors are led by Thompson Clive and Partners.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Newman Industries has signed an agreement with a New York company, disposing of Newman's interest in Salem Glass of West Virginia, which has been closed for more than a year. Newman has now disposed of all its interests in the ceramics industry. This will further strengthen the group balance sheet, which underwent considerable restructuring last year. The revised share structure which took place after the restructuring and refinancing in March, 1983, gave shareholders of the new cumulative convertible redeemable participating preference shares some 95.8 per cent of the enlarged equity capital. These shares were issued at 10p and stood at 17p on January 5. On January 1 the company returned to the dividend list for the first time in four years.

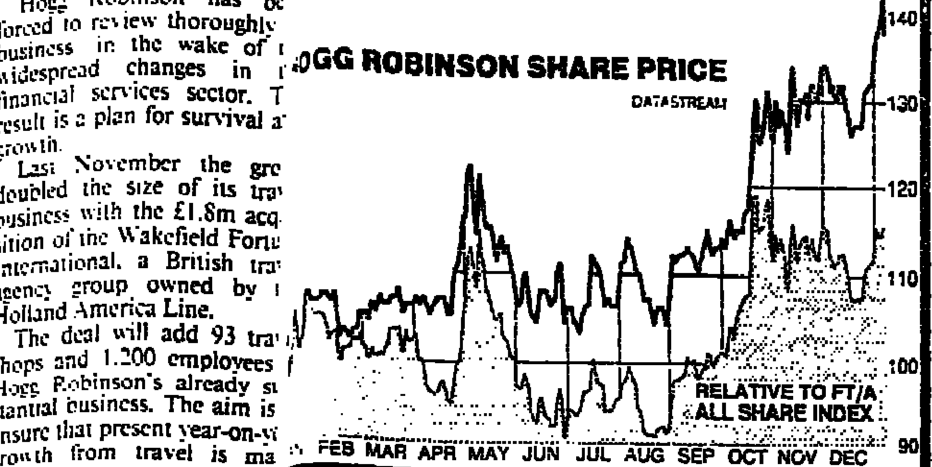
Investors Capital Trust: Although earnings per share fell from 3.51p to 3.49p in the year to Nov 30 last, the total dividend, net, is being raised from 3.35p to 3.45.

Hales Properties: Half-year to September 30, 1983. Sales £427,000 (£332,000). Pretax profits £318,000 (293,000). Interim dividend, net, raised from 1.33p to 1.5p.

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Hogg Robinson widens its horizons

Hogg Robinson has be[en] forced to review thoroughly [its] business in the wake of [the] widespread changes in [the] financial services sector. T[he] result is a plan for survival a[nd] growth.



Last November the gr[oup] doubled the size of its tra[vel] business with the £1.8m acq[ui]sition of the Wakefield Fortu[ne] International, a British tra[vel] agency group owned by [the] Holland America Line.

The deal will add 93 tra[vel] shops and 1,200 employees [to] Hogg Robinson's already su[b]stantial business. The aim is [to] ensure that present year-on-ye[ar] growth from travel is ma[in]tained.

The acquisition also mar[ks] the first stage of a bold plan [to] reshape the Hogg Robins[on] group, which has traditiona[lly] been dominated by its Brit[ish] insurance broking interests a[nd] its interests in Lloyd's und[er]writing agencies.

The bulk of profits w[ill] continue to come from [in]surance-related activities for [the] time being.

At the halfway stage [to] September 30 last year, [the] results followed a famil[iar] pattern. Pretax profits reach[ed] £3.46m against £2.79m at [the] comparable stage the previ[ous] year. Turnover rose fr[om] £26.2m to £30.45m, althou[gh] any breakdown is consider[ed] unhelpful until the year e[nd] because of the strong b[ias] towards the dominant brok[ing] activities in the second h[alf]. The board is recommending [an] increased interim dividend [of] 3.3p, against 3p last time.

The market continues to lo[ok] for final pretax profits [of] between £10.5m and £11[m a]nd that much depends on [how] quickly Hogg Robinson [mo]ves ahead with its obligation [to] divest its underwriting [agen]cies to meet Lloyd's re[quire]ment that underwriting [and] broking activities should be [sep]arated.

[I]n the short term, such [div]estment will be a nasty jolt [to] the balance sheet. But by [spr]eading the receipts from the [div]estment until 1992, which is [poss]ible if management buyouts [are] arranged, and sensibly [inv]esting the proceeds the [da]mage need not be too great.

On the plus side, the action [alr]eady taken to dust the group [dow]n and put fresh management blood in to the insurance [bro]king businesses should reap [div]idends.

Hogg is trying hard to [div]ersify away from the areas of [in]surance into more profitable [sp]ecialist activities such as [po]litical risks insurance where it [h]as a dominant position.

Munton Bros

Munton Brothers is that rare bird, a company raising a great deal of money to back a successful operation in Northern Ireland, making shirts for Marks and Spencer.

Viewed as such, its latest results are encouraging. Sales rose by 6.4 per cent in the six months to the end of October and have since been rising at a 7 per cent rate.

Profits have surged from £274,000 to £387,000, strong advance even allowing for the £44,000 gross dividend from its near 30 per cent stake in its fellow Marks and Spencer supplier, John Beales.

That acquisition is a reminder that, however well the shirt business is faring, Munton must be seen, from an investor's point of view, primarily as one of the quoted arms of Mr Michael Carlton's Taddale Investments, the group built up through the Harvard Securities over-the-counter market. Taddale owns about a fifth of Munton's shares.

This connexion enabled the unlikely Munton to raise £1.5m last August in its second rights issue in short succession, causing the directors to say that there would be no more in the forseeable future.

The money is allowing Munton to expand and re-equip, make acquisitions and buy into Beales. In this fragmented and messy industry, there is plenty of potential for merger and expansion.

But there is also a cost to pay. For the moment, the rights issue means that earnings per share for the first six months are down from 2.9 pence to 2.2 pence (partly because of a much higher tax charge).

Allowing for that, the shares do not look expensive on trading grounds at 47 pence, perhaps 10 times annual earnings and with a dividend yield of at least 9 per cent. But investment must rest on judgment of Mr Carlton and his associates.

Mr Carlton is a financier who is on his second round of empire-building. He has no doubt learnt lessons, but his passage again remains far from smooth.

Oil sector

British Petroleum's disposal of Forties units, followed by the Charterhouse-Fluor deal and Trafalgar's offer for Candecca have whetted the appetites of those anticipating a merry-go-round of North Sea assets – this year. But it may not happen that way.

It is true that the circumstances are propitious for companies and assets to merge or be taken over. In the background is a low dollar oil price – although it is often overlooked that the sterling earnings of North Sea operators have benefited handsomely from the appreciation of the dollar. Expectations of continuing low demand for oil have made some acreage look cheap.

More specifically, a clear corporate hierarchy had emerged among North Sea companies. At the top are the leading oil companies and the well established secondary stocks such as Ultramar. Below them, however, the situation is fluid.

The licensing rounds of recent years have effectively distinguished between successful and developing companies, such as Charterhouse, Saxon, Clyde, Candecca (before the bid) and perhaps Sovereign and a host of financially weak operations for whom further fund raising is difficult.

Cutting across this obvious battleground for takeovers and mergers is the North Sea's notoriously complex tax regime. The need to maximize tax efficiency either by acquiring losses or revenue-generating assets means that individual fields or parts thereof may be the prime attraction, rather than companies.

Thus the Piper field, for example, could be worth four times as much to a purchaser as the present owners. But such deals take time to arrange.

There is also the uncertain quantity of Enterprise Oil, which could be hungry for acreage, and the possibility of a ninth licensing round

Singapore boost for Metro Cammell bid

By John Lawless

British trade officials were yesterday elated that Westinghouse Brake and Signal Company, A subsidiary of Hawker Siddeley, had won a £46m contract to supply electrical and mechanical equipment for Singapore's new underground rail system. For the victory suggests that another British win could follow.

Officials had discounted any suggestion that Britain would become involved in a subsidized bids battle several months ago – after nearly 400 companies from 23 countires had applied to tender for the various contracts under the £1.65 billion project.

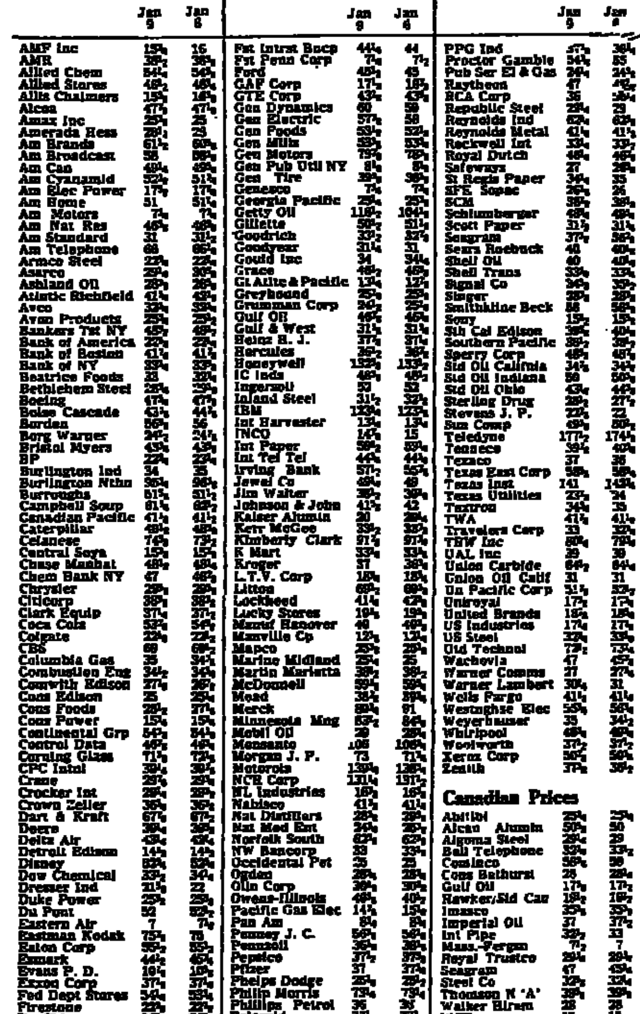
The fact that Westinghouse won on technical expertise alone must give the Metro Cammell Company confidence that it can win a contract to supply about £400m worth of rolling stock.

Mr Michael Fam, the leader of a delegation from Singapore's Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) authority, said in London last September – when meeting with Mr Paul Channon, the Minister for Trade, and officials from the Export Credits Guarantee Department – that governments would have to offer their companies the best financing support.

Correction

Between December 22 and January 6 the National Westminster share price was incorrectly listed with an "e" alongside, indicating wrongly that the bank had passed its interim dividend.

WALL STREET



	Jan 9	Jan 6
AMF Inc	15¾	16
AMR	38½	38¾
Allied Chem	54¼	54¾
Allied Stores	48½	48¾
Allis Chalmers	15⅞	16⅛
Alcoa	47⅞	47⅛
Amax Inc	25⅜	25
Amerada Hess	28½	29
Am Brands	61½	60¾
Am Broadcast	58	58¾
Am Can	49¼	49¾
Am Cyanamid	52¼	51¾
Am Elec Power	17⅞	17¾
Am Home	51	51¼
Am Motors	7¾	7¾
Am Nat Res	46⅝	46¾
Am Standard	31	31½
Am Telephone	68	66¾
Armco Steel	22⅞	22¾
Asarco	29⅛	30¾
Ashland Oil	28⅞	28¾
Atlntic Richfield	41¾	42¾
Avco	32⅜	32¾
Avon Products	25⅞	25½
Bankers Tst NY	45⅞	45⅞
Bank of America	22⅞	22¾
Bank of Boston	41⅞	41¾
Bank of NY	33⅝	33⅞
Beatrice Foods	33	32¾
Bethlehem Steel	28⅝	29⅛
Boeing	47⅞	47⅞
Boise Cascade	43¾	44¾
Borden	56⅞	56
Borg Warner	24½	24¼
Bristol Myers	43⅝	43⅝
BP	22¾	22¾
Burlington Ind	34	35
Burlington Nthn	36¾	36¾
Burroughs	51⅝	51½
Campbell Soup	61¾	62½
Canadian Pacific	41½	41½
Caterpillar	48½	48⅝
Celanese	74⅝	73½
Central Soya	15⅞	15⅞
Chase Manhat	48⅛	48¼
Chem Bank NY	47	46⅞
Chrysler	29⅝	29⅝
Citicorp	38⅞	38⅞
Clark Equip	37¼	37½
Coca Cola	52⅝	54⅞
Colgate	22¾	22½
CBS	68	68½
Columbia Gas	35	34½
Combustion Eng	34½	34⅝
Comwlth Edison	27¼	26⅞
Cons Edison	25	25¼
Cons Foods	28½	27¾
Cons Power	15¾	15⅜
Continental Grp	54½	54¼
Control Data	46⅞	46⅝
Corning Glass	71⅝	72⅝
CPC Intnl	39¼	39¾
Crane	29⅝	29⅜
Crocker Int	28¼	28⅞
Crown Zeller	36⅝	36½
Dart & Kraft	67⅝	67½
Deere	39⅛	38⅝
Delta Air	43¼	42¾
Detroit Edison	14⅝	14⅝
Disney	52⅝	52⅝
Dow Chemical	33½	34¼
Dresser Ind	21⅞	22
Duke Power	25⅞	25⅞
Du Pont	52	52½
Eastern Air	7	7⅛
Eastman Kodak	75⅝	75
Eaton Corp	55½	55½
Emhart	44¼	45⅛
Evans P. D.	16⅛	16⅝
Exxon Corp	37⅝	37⅝
Fed Dept Stores	54¼	53⅝
Firestone	22⅞	22⅞
Fst Chicago	26⅞	26¾

	Jan 9	Jan 6
Fst Intrst Bncp	44⅛	44
Fst Penn Corp	7⅛	7½
Ford	45⅞	45
GAF Corp	17⅞	18⅝
GTE Corp	43¼	43⅞
Gen Dynamics	60	59
Gen Electric	57⅞	58
Gen Foods	53⅞	52¼
Gen Mills	53⅝	53⅝
Gen Motors	75⅝	76⅝
Gen Pub Util NY	8⅛	8⅛
Gen Tire	38⅝	38⅝
Genesco	7⅛	7⅛
Georgia Pacific	25¼	25⅞
Getty Oil	118½	104¼
Gillette	50⅞	51⅛
Goodrich	33½	32⅞
Goodyear	31¼	31
Gould Inc	34	34⅛
Grace	48½	46⅞
Gt Atlic & Pacific	13¼	12⅞
Greyhound	25⅞	25⅞
Grumman Corp	24½	25⅛
Gulf Oil	46⅞	46⅛
Gulf & West	31⅞	31¾
Heinz H. J.	37⅞	37¼
Hercules	36½	36⅞
Honeywell	132⅝	133½
IC Inds	48⅞	48½
Ingersoll	52	52
Inland Steel	31½	32⅞
IBM	123¾	123⅞
Int Harvester	13¼	13⅛
INCO	14⅝	15
Int Paper	59½	59¼
Int Tel Tel	44⅝	44⅝
Irving Bank	57½	55⅞
Jewel Co	49⅛	49
Jim Walter	39½	39⅛
Johnson & John	41⅝	42
Kaiser Alumin	20	20¼
Kerr McGee	33½	33⅞
Kimberly Clark	91⅞	91⅞
K Mart	33¼	33⅜
Kroger	37	38⅛
L.T.V. Corp	18⅝	18⅞
Litton	68½	69⅛
Lockheed	41¼	42⅞
Lucky Stores	19⅝	19⅝
Manuf Hanover	40	40⅝
Manville Cp	12⅞	12¾
Mapco	25⅞	25⅞
Marine Midland	25¼	25
Martin Marietta	38½	38½
McDonnell	59⅝	59⅝
Mead	38¾	39⅛
Merck	89⅞	91
Minnesota Mng	83½	84⅛
Mobil Oil	29	28¾
Monsanto	106	106¾
Morgan J. P.	73	71⅞
Motorola	139⅛	138⅞
NCR Corp	131¼	131½
NL Industries	16⅝	16⅝
Nabisco	41⅞	41¼
Nat Distillers	28⅞	28⅞
Nat Med Ent	24⅛	24⅜
Norfolk South	62¼	62⅞
NW Bancorp	33	33⅞
Occidental Pet	25	25
Ogden	28⅞	28⅞
Olin Corp	30⅛	30⅞
Owens-Illinois	40⅞	40½
Pacific Gas Elec	14⅞	15⅛
Pan Am	8⅛	8⅛
Penney J. C.	56⅞	56⅞
Pennzoil	36⅞	36⅞
Pepsico	37½	37⅞
Pfizer	37	37⅞
Phelps Dodge	25⅞	25½
Philip Morris	73⅞	73⅞
Phillips Petrol	36	36
Polaroid	33½	33¼

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PPG Ind	37⅞	36¾
Proctor Gamble	54⅞	55
Pub Ser El & Gas	24¼	24⅞
Raytheon	47	47⅞
RCA Corp	36	36¾
Republic Steel	28¼	29
Reynolds Ind	62¾	63⅞
Reynolds Metal	41¾	41⅞
Rockwell Int	33¼	33⅞
Royal Dutch	46¼	46⅞
Safeways	27	28⅞
St Regis Paper	34¼	35
SFE Sopac	26⅝	26
SCM	38⅞	38¼
Schlumberger	48⅞	49⅞
Scott Paper	31⅞	31⅞
Seagram	37⅞	38⅝
Sears Roebuck	40	40⅛
Shell Oil	40	40⅛
Shell Trans	33⅛	33⅞
Signal Co	34⅞	35½
Singer	28⅞	28⅞
Smithkline Beck	58	58⅞
Sony	15½	15⅞
Sth Cal Edison	38⅞	40⅛
Southern Pacific	38½	38½
Sperry Corp	48⅞	48⅞
Std Oil California	34⅞	34⅞
Std Oil Indiana	50	50⅛
Std Oil Ohio	43⅞	44⅞
Sterling Drug	28½	27⅞
Stevens J. P.	22⅞	22
Sun Comp	49⅞	50⅛
Teledyne	177½	174¾
Tenneco	39¾	40⅞
Texaco	37	36
Texas East Corp	58⅛	58⅛
Texas Inst	141	142¾
Texas Utilities	23⅞	24
Textron	34⅞	35
TWA	41⅞	41⅞
Travelers Corp	33	32⅞
TRW Inc	80¼	79⅞
UAL Inc	39	39
Union Carbide	64½	64¼
Union Oil Calif	31	31
Un Pacific Corp	51⅞	52½
Uniroyal	17⅞	17⅞
United Brands	18⅞	18⅞
US Industries	17¼	17⅞
US Steel	32⅞	33⅞
Utd Technol	73½	73¾
Wachovia	47	45⅞
Warner Comms	27	27⅞
Warner Lambert	30¼	31
Wells Fargo	41⅞	41¼
Westnghse Elec	55⅞	56⅞
Weyerhauser	35	34½
Whirlpool	48⅞	48⅞
Woolworth	37½	37½
Xerox Corp	50⅞	50⅞
Zenith	37⅞	38½
Canadian Prices		
Abitibi	25¼	25⅞
Alcan Alumin	50⅞	50
Algoma Steel	29¼	29
Bell Telephone	32⅞	33½
Cominco	58⅞	58
Cons Bathurst	28	28¼
Gulf Oil	17⅞	17½
Hawker/Sid Can	18½	16½
Imasco	35⅞	35⅞
Imperial Oil	37	37½
Int Pipe	32½	33
Mass.-Fergsn	7½	7
Royal Trustco	20¾	20¼
Seagram	47	45⅞
Steel Co	32⅞	32¼
Thomson N 'A'	38⅞	38⅞
Walker Hiram	28	28
WCT	15	15

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric ton.

RUBBER	
Feb	[illegible]
Mar	[illegible]
Apr Jun	[illegible]
Jun Sep	[illegible]
Oct Dec	[illegible]
Jun Mar	[illegible]
Apr Jun	[illegible]
Jun Sep	[illegible]
Oct Dec	[illegible]
Vol.	
SUGAR	
Mar	139.90-[illegible]
May	146.00-[illegible]
Vol:	
COCOA	
Mar	18[illegible]
May	18[illegible]
Jly	18[illegible]
Sep	18[illegible]
Dec	17[illegible]
Mrch	17[illegible]
May	17[illegible]
Vol	
COFFEE	
Jan	2000-[illegible]
Mar	1987-[illegible]
May	1893-[illegible]
Jly	1840-[illegible]
Sept	1810-[illegible]
Nov	1783-[illegible]
Jan	1760-[illegible]

GAS OIL	32920
[illegible]	247.75-247.50
[illegible]	246.50-246.25
[illegible]	242.50-242.25
[illegible]	238.00-237.50
[illegible]	234.00-233.25
[illegible]	234.00-233.25
[illegible]	235.00-234.00
[illegible]	240.00-234.00
[illegible]	242.00-232.50
Tone: Quiet.	

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton. Silver in pence per troy ounce.
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	979.00-80
Three months	1004.00-50
T O	8550
Tone: Easier.	
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	964.00-66
Three months	988.00-89
T O	850
Tone: Quite.	
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	8660-65
Three months	8835-40
T O:	945
Tone. Firmer	
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	8715-25
Three months	8850-55
T O:	280
Tone: Firmer.	
LEAD	
Cash	288.50-89.00
Three months	298.00-.50
T O:	9360
Tone: Steadier.	
ZINC	
Cash	671.50-672.50
Three months	672.50-673.00
T O:	8050
Tone: Firmer.	
SILVER	
Cash	671-72.0
Three months	684-85
T O:	49
Tone: Easier.	
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	1109-1101
Three months	1138-1139
T. O:	12,450
Tone: Barely steady.	
NICKEL	
Cash	3320-30
Three months	3405-10
T. O:	1,278
Tone: Steady.	

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz.

Jan	371.00-372.50
Feb	373.30-373.60
Apl	379.10-379.60
Jun	385.60-386.20
Aug	391.70-392.70
Oct	398.30-399.20
Vol:	769
Tone. Uncertain.	

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES
Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Month	Volume	Settlement
YEN		
Mar'84	71	4307
Jun'84	1	4347
Sept'84	–	–
Comment: Steady.		
STERLING		
Mar'84	348	14050
Jun'84	–	14068
Sept'84	–	14086
Comment: Improving		
D-MARK		
Mar'84	174	3574
Jun'84	–	3606
Sept'84	W–	–
Comment: Volatile.		
SWISS FRANC		
Mar'84	53	4618
Jun'84	–	4585
Sept'84	–	–
Comment: Still weak.		
EURODOLLARS		
Mar'84	2563	9003
Jun'84	264	8969
Sept'84	62	8941
Dec'84	–	8911
Mar'84	–	8889
SHORT STERLING		
Mar'84	953	9050
Jun'84	126	9027
Sept'84	76	9005
Dec'94	–	8982
Mar'85	–	–
Comment: Firm.		
GILTS		
Mar'84	4374	10930
Jun'84	17	10913
Sept'84	–	10900
Dec'84	–	10820
Mar'85	–	10808
Comment: Mixed.		

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 23: GB: Cattle, 96.10p per kg lw (+0.68). GB: Sheep, 152.45p per kg est d c w (–1.59). GB: Pigs, 73.73p per kg lw (–0.59). England and Wales: Cattle nos. up 3.0 per cent, ave. price, 95.61p (+0.77). Sheep nos. up 9.8 per cent, ave. price, 153.10p (–1.17). Pig nos. down 17.6 per cent, ave. price, 73.17p (–1.05).

London Grain Futures Market

Month	Wheat A Close	Wheat B Close	Barley Close
Jan	–	118.50	120.20
Mar	–	120.55	123.00
May	–	122.65	124.00
Jly		123.95	–
Sept	113.70	110.10	108.25
Nov	116.45	112.70	111.30

Total lots traded: Wheat A: 6. Wheat B: 670. Barley: 231

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1983/84 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 1-3 St Paul's Churchyard EC4P 4DX 01-236 1833			
104.8	85.1	American Growth	108.1	114.1e	1.55
[illegible]	65.4	Cmdty & Energy	80.4	86.4	2.93
[illegible]	49.5	UK Growth	54.2	58.9	2.75
91.6	81.5	General	91.5	98.9	3.14
117.5	114.4	Gilt & Fixed Int	116.8	123.0e	9.71
123.8	62.4	Japan	122.1	131.1	0.23
53.9	44.6	H Inc Equity	55.7	58.9e	6.34
141.7	131.2	Worldwide	139.4	149.9e	2.57
58.4	51.1	Assets & Earn	55.2	59.7e	3.92
128.1	111.9	Equitas Prog	129.0	138.4e	3.71
		Aitken Hume Funds (Man) Ltd. 1 Worship St, EC2A 2AB 01-638 6011			
112.7	85.4	Secure Income	112.7	121.1	7.30
178.3	67.1	American Tech	155.6	167.2	..
61.2	50.0	Japan Tech	60.0	64.5	0.50
143.4	83.5	Pacific	141.9	153.2	1.20
182.3	107.3	Special Sits	158.5	198.2	0.97
33.5	26.6	Inc & Growth	33.0	35.4e	5.47
235.6	142.0	Energy Ind Fnd	235.6	253.0e	1.70
338.8	342.3	Exempt Fnd (36)	369.9	397.6	2.45
279.9	262.9	Small Co Fnd	263.5	283.2	2.45
		Allied Unit Trusts Ltd., Hambro Hse., Hutton, Essex. 0277 211459/229123			
163.8	148.8	Allied Capital	163.5	174.9	2.45
130.3	106.3	Allied First	130.2	139.3	4.47
123.5	98.9	Asset Value	123.3	131.9e	4.25
93.6	72.8	Growth & Inc	83.6	89.4e	3.48
88.1	67.9	Technology	87.9	94.1	0.96
104.6	81.1	Met Min & Cmdty	102.7	109.9e	2.06
110.9	111.1	High Income	140.7	150.5	5.44
76.2	61.5	Equity Income	76.1	81.4e	5.84
56.8	35.5	Japan Fund	56.2	60.1e	0.01
57.7	44.2	International	57.2	61.2	1.69
94.0	79.0	High Yield Trust	94.0	100.0e	8.82
223.2	176.3	Balanced	222.9	238.5e	3.71
327.5	296.8	Accumulator	327.4	350.3e	3.43
44.1	34.4	Recovery	43.9	47.0e	3.15
95.1	78.2	Smaller Co's	83.8	89.7e	2.88
111.2	87.9	2nd Smaller	111.2	119.0	2.76
31.2	29.1	Gilt Growth	31.2	33.3	1.29
150.7	112.4	Secs of America	150.4	160.9e	1.24
54.0	36.4	Am Special Sits	52.8	56.3	0.71
110.6	71.0	Pacific Trust	109.5	117.2e	0.62
115.6	106.7	Overseas Trust	117.5	125.7e	3.68
30.0	29.0	Govt Secs	29.2	31.2	8.75
		Arbuthnot Securities Ltd., 131 Finsbury Pavement EC2 01-628 9876			
44.2	40.9	Capital Growth	43.2	46.7e	2.39
45.8	42.1	Do Accum	45.6	49.3e	2.39
103.3	78.5	Commodity	95.3	104.1e	1.90
165.0	127.1	Do Accum	151.6	170.3e	1.90
64.1	50.8	10% W'draw	57.4	62.0e	..
95.5	56.9	E & Int Fund	95.8	92.7	1.00
51.8	36.2	6% W'draw	51.8	56.0	..
35.9	30.5	Fin & Prop	35.7	38.5	3.71
65.3	53.3	Foreign Gth	65.3	70.5	1.00

1983/84 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers. 5-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar [illegible]			
76.6	64.1	Canlife Gen	76.4	80.4	[illegible]
112.7	91.8	Do Accum	112.5	118.4	[illegible]
33.6	29.5	Gilt & F Int	33.5	35.3	[illegible]
52.6	41.2	Income Dist	52.6	55.4	[illegible]
96.2	71.3	Do Accum	96.2	101.2	[illegible]
		Capel (James) Management Ltd. 100 Old Broad St, EC2N 1BQ. 01-588 [illegible]			
197.0	170.1	Capital Fnd (3)	189.2	201.3	[illegible]
138.5	108.3	Income Fnd (3)	136.5	145.3	[illegible]
225.7	169.7	Nth Amer Fnd	215.3	229.1	[illegible]
		Cater Allen Unit trust Managers 1 King William St, EC4N 7AU 01-62[illegible]			
105.6	103.5	Gilt Trust	106.7	112.1	[illegible]
		Cent Board of Fin of The Church of Engl. 77 London Wall, London, EC2N 1DB 01-58[illegible]			
274.7	223.8	Invest* (42)	..	274.7	[illegible]
132.4	120.3	Fixed Int* (42)	..	131.8	[illegible]
109.3	100.0	Deposit (42)	..	100.0	[illegible]
		Charinco Charities Narrower-Range Fnd. 15 Moorgate, London, EC2. 01-63[illegible]			
153.0	138.5	Income (34)	..	183.0	[illegible]
363.4	298.1	Do Accum (34)	..	363.4	[illegible]
		Charities Official Investment Fund. 77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-58[illegible]			
235.7	190.4	Income* (42)	..	235.7	[illegible]
634.9	503.9	Accum* (42)	..	634.5	[illegible]
		Chieftain Trust Managers Ltd. 11 New St., London, EC2M 4TP. 01-28[illegible]			
49.4	37.2	American Fnd	49.2	53.3	[illegible]
25.1	19.7	Australian	24.7	26.6	[illegible]
48.8	43.1	Basic Resources	47.2	51.1	[illegible]
61.8	45.0	Far Eastern	61.8	66.9	[illegible]
40.3	36.7	High Income	39.5	42.1	[illegible]
32.1	27.0	Inc & Growth	32.1	34.7	[illegible]
61.0	43.1	International	60.4	65.4	[illegible]
20.9	20.2	Pref & Gilts	19.0	20.6	[illegible]
35.3	33.0	Smaller Co's	32.0	34.6	[illegible]
		Craigmount Unit Trust Managers Ltd. Electra Hse, Temple Place, WC2. 01-83[illegible]			
77.3	55.7	Canadian	75.0	80.7	[illegible]
41.6	38.5	Gilt	40.2	41.6	[illegible]
39.2	35.2	High Income	39.0	42.6	[illegible]
87.5	74.4	North American	86.5	93.6	[illegible]
56.0	47.9	Middle Mt H Inc	56.0	58.1	[illegible]
90.5	71.9	Recovery	90.5	97.4	[illegible]
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-22[illegible]			
72.0	56.2	American Fnd	69.5	73.4	[illegible]
46.9	39.7	Capital	46.7	50.4	[illegible]
80.6	78.5	Growth & Inc	80.3	86.1	[illegible]
134.2	102.5	International	133.6	144.1	[illegible]
64.6	55.0	High Dist	64.6	69.1	[illegible]
27.6	26.0	Resources	27.3	29.4	[illegible]
93.8	53.5	Tokyo Fund	93.4	100.1	[illegible]
		Discretionary Unit Fund Managers. 36/38 New Broad St., EC2M 1NU. 01-63[illegible]			
348.3	324.4	Disc Inc	348.3	371.4	[illegible]
576.0	522.1	Do Accum	576.0	614.3	[illegible]
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 [illegible]			

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Economic Commentary by Tim Congdon

Boom in home loans engineers recovery

The Building Societies Association's monthly statistics for December, due out on Friday, will show that 1983 was a record year for the societies. If net receipts for the month are above £800m, the figure for the year will exceed £7,000m. This would comfortably top 1982's figure of £6,466m and compares with an average of about £3,600m in the four years before 1982.

More spectacular has been the growth of mortgage lending. The gross figure for advances, the one usually quoted in the press, is not the most interesting because it is boosted by loans made possible by mortgage capital repayments. The focus should instead be on net advances, which represent genuine new lending. They are higher than deposit inflows because the societies can lend out much of the interest they receive on old mortgages, as long as it is not withdrawn by depositors.

Last year's net advances will reach about £11,000m, 40 per cent up on 1982's figure of £7,800m and almost double the level of 1980 and 1981. The expansion of housing credit has been reinforced by the banks' move into the mortgage market which began in earnest only in 1981. Net advances for house purchases from all sources should exceed £18,000m in 1984 – almost 150 per cent higher than in 1980.

The boom in housing credit has been the financial catalyst of the economic recovery. There has been direct and obvious stimulus to private sector housebuilding. More subtle, although perhaps more powerful, has been the boost to consumption.

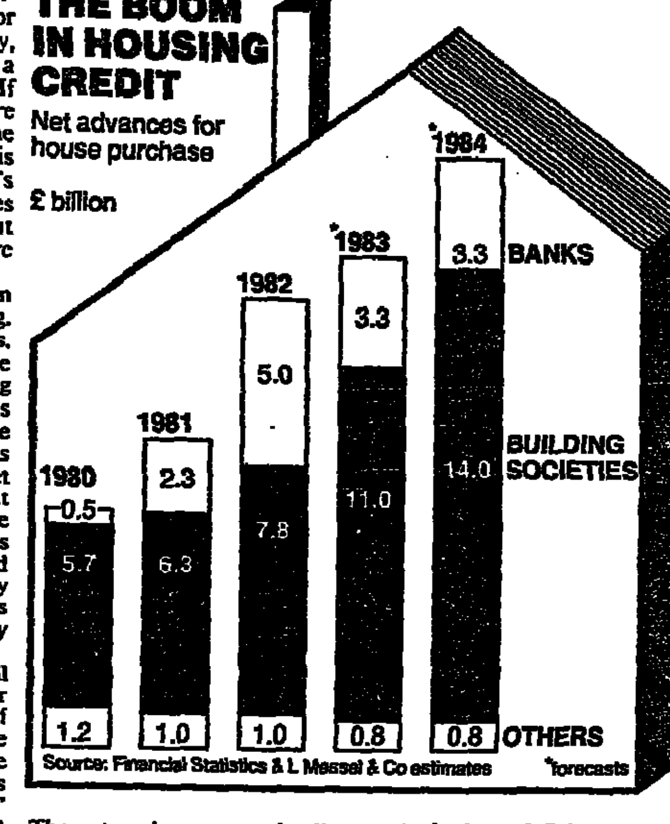
The mechanism involved has been termed "equity withdrawal" and is complicated to explain. It arises because the housing market is in constant flux and has both entrants and leavers. The entrants, the first-time buyers and those moving up-market require credit to buy their homes. The leavers, people approaching retirement, moving down-market or selling up altogether take the sale proceeds from the entrants and use the money for other purposes, including consumption.

So the credit apparently destined for house purchase in fact ends up financing consumption. The leavers, who in some cases have no mortgage at all, take out their equity in the housing stock and use it for current spending.

Although the process of equity withdrawal is intricate, it is easy enough to measure. Figures on investment in housing, both in new building and council house purchases, are compiled regularly. They can be deducted from indentified mortgage flows to obtain an estimate of equity withdrawal. These exercises invariably show that in recent years equity withdrawal has accounted for more than half of housing credit.

It should follow that booms in housing credit are accompanied by booms in consumer spending. This result is not certain and inevitable. It depends on the source of the deposit inflows into the building societies. If the inflows come from bank deposits which would otherwise have been left idle (and this is the usual pattern), extra housing credit does indeed generate extra demand in the economy. If, however, they come from increased saving out of income, there is only a change in the composition of demand.

There is no doubt about what happened in 1982 and 1983.



The upturn in mortgage lending coincided – both in timing and scale – with a revival in consumer demand. The volume of retail sales in the three months to last November was almost 10 per cent higher than in the second quarter of 1982. Here is the main force which pulled the British economy out of recession. Here also is the refutation of all those Keynesian jeremiahs and doomsters who said that, without special government action in the form of an increased budget deficit, the recession would never end.

Whether the present day Keynesians are loyal descendants of Keynes is another wide and contentious issue.

But the jeremiahs and doomsters have not gone quiet. Their new warning is that an economic revival based on personal sector borrowing is fragile and unsustainable.

Lower budget deficit has brought building societies a record year

Their concern about too much personal credit is very ironic. Two or three years ago their favoured antidote to the recession was more borrowing, but borrowing by government, not by the private sector. Indeed, many of them wanted the budget deficit to be increased by vast sums as the centrepiece of deliberate demand reflation. Their recommendations then can be reconciled with their attitude today only if they believe public sector borrowing to be inherently benign and private sector borrowing inherently unsound.

Is there any validity in this belief? It seems on the face of it rather silly, but two arguments in its support could be suggested. The first is that the Government stands outside the economy and is therefore capable of putting demand into it in a way that other economic agents cannot.

The trouble is that a nation ultimately consists of individuals and nothing else. The Government like companies and banks, is just an institutional artefact to serve their interests. If it incurs debt, it does not do so on its own account but on behalf of the taxpayers it represents.

A budget deficit increases some individuals' financial assets and makes them feel better off. But it simultaneously increases taxpayers' liabilities and makes them worse off. It is not clear that the net effect will stimulate the economy or even that the notion of a "demand injection" is logically watertight.

The second defence of more public sector borrowing is that it could be devoted to acquiring capital assets, unlike personal sector borrowing, much of which is described as having been "frittered away" on consumption. This may sound naive and fatuous, but it is a possible interpretation of recent remarks by some Keynesian economists.

But how good have the Government and the nationalized industries been at adding to the nation's capital? No one would quarrel too much with investment in roads, hospitals and schools, but what about shipyards, blast furnaces and coal mines? The social rate of return on investment by British Shipbuilders, by the British Steel Corporation and by the National Coal Board must in the last few years have been heavily negative.

By contrast, most personal borrowing is used to finance additions to the stock of housing and consumer durables. The private rate of return on cars, washing machines and video cassette recorders must be positive because, quite simply, people want more of them at their present prices. There is no obvious reason for thinking the social rate of return is any lower since their enjoyment does not inflict discomfort on other people.

The record year for the building societies has been made possible, in effect, by the Thatcher Government's success in reducing the budget deficit. Although the growth of private sector credit must be kept under control, there is no reason whatever why a recovery based on borrowing by individuals and companies should be less viable or sustainable than a recovery based on borrowing by governments.

Indeed, since extra government borrowing would be superintended by politicians, bureaucrats and Keynesian economists, the probability of a successful fiscal reflation is not very high.

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Waddington names deputy chairman

John Waddington: Mr Anthony Brown has been promoted to deputy chairman and Mr Michael Abrahams has joined the board as a non-executive director.

C E Heath: Mr J A E Bassett has been made chairman of C E Heath (Aviation) and C E Heath (Aviation Reinsurance Broking) in succession to Mr J R Mikami.

APPOINTMENTS

Plessey Radar: Mr R D Barnes is now the operations director at Cowes, IoW.

Stothert & Pitt: Mr T E R Torrance has become group technical director. Mr F R Ball succeeds Mr Torrance as managing director of the crane division.

Simon Engineering: Mr David Close has become group director of personnel. He replaces Mr Laurie Hoggard, who has retired.

Scottish Life Assurance: Mr David Birrell has joined the board.

H Samuel: Mr David Wood has been appointed retail development director-designate.

Riley Leisure: Mr Patrick Cravos is now a member of the board. He is managing director of Powersport International, a subsidiary of Riley.

Stoddard Carpets: Mr Neil Macdonald has been appointed marketing director.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9%
BCCI	9%
Citibank Savings	†10¼%
Consolidated Crds	9%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 5½%: £10,000 up to £50,000, 6½%: £50,000 and over, 7½%.

David Miller finds a hero in t[illegible]f Captain Oates

Heroism as high [illegible] sea is deep

Long before one was introduced as a small boy to tales of Macartney, Meredith, Broadribb, C. B. Fry and Captain Webb, and the more modern sporting heroes, Matthews and Bradman, the emotional bedside stories were of men such as Scott and Oates, T. E. Lawrence and Mallory.

If the first drama to make me cry was Pigling Bland getting lost over the hills and far away, then the second was Captain Oates walking out from the doomed expeditionary tent into the Antarctic snow saying that he may be gone some time. Altruism could have as much honour as achievement, demonstrated on Everest by one of my school masters, Wilfred Noyce.

The mountains and oceans will always remain a special kind of challenge, and as the American writer, Paul Theroux, has recently observed, the British character is inherently shaped by the surrounding seas. Richard Broadhead is an exaple of maritime altruism *and* achievement.

Yesterday at the Earls Court Boat Show, that annual indoor anomaly which embrace fantacy and functionalism, the Salcombe adventurer was presented with the Yachtsman of the Year award. The yachting correspondents rightly considered his astonishing rescue of a Frenchman in the Southern ocean during BOC single-handed round the world race last year superior to the victorys '83 crew's pursuit of the America's Cup.

It is worth quoting from *The Ultimate challenge*, the account by my colleague, Barry Pickthall, of this remarkable race, a passage where Broadhead describes those awesome conditions which Chichcester, Rose and Knox-Johnston have conquered, yet which would freeze the mind and muscle of ordinary men. Hand steering downwind for 12 hours at a time in the Roaring Forties and screaming fifties, with the windspeed indicator permanently locked against its maximum 60 knots, Broadhead would later recount:

"Every 10 minutes or so, the seas (behind) rolled into vertical walls, huge and as high as the mast, and as the bow buried up to the forehatch, I just sat at the wheel holding on for grim death, looking almost vertically down the boat as she started to go over. Then as the wave broke, the bow came up and she surfed off at 30 knots with the whole deck under water. All I could see was the bloody wheel, and the mast and rigging standing up through the surf."

The romance between life and death is a strangely motivating phenomenon. Guy Bernadin, another Frenchman who came fourth in Class II, would say of his experience of being washed out of the cockpit in ferocious seas from which he miraculously survived: "It was the greatest moment in my life." I know a doctor's wife to whom the same thing has happened in the North Sea.

What was different about Broadhead's race, in which he finished third over the 27,000 mile four-leg course behind the Frenchman, Phillippe Jeantot, in the expensively sponsred Credit Agricole and the South African, Bertie Reed, in Altch Voortrekker, was that two thirds of the way between Australia and Cape Horn he turned back more than 300 miles in Perserverence of Medina, without engine, in the bid to rescue Jacques de Roux from the stricken Skoiern III, thousands of miles from any other assistance. And found him.

It was accomplishment as exceptional as the survival of Bligh and his men set adrift from the Bounty, in conditions considerably more severe; though it would not have been possible without the position-finding assistance of the Argus satellite navigation equipme[illegible] each of the 17 boats[illegible] them every few hou[illegible] than half a mile.

De R[illegible] commander, had be[illegible] stern-over-bow, ho[illegible] while upside down in[illegible] was going straight [illegible]ble bottom. Skoiern [illegible] with a mere four in[illegible] bouyancy remainin[illegible] and though de Roux [illegible]fter several hours, a h[illegible]tained when cutting fr[illegible]st gave him only hou[illegible]float while permanen[illegible]

It would[illegible] maybe three days to g[illegible] headwind: could de [illegible]credible ad hoc combination of satellite information to the race organizers and ham radio operators Rob Koziomkowski in Newport, Rhode Island, and Matt Johnston in Owaka, New Zealand, guided Broaddhead to an approximate rendezvous some 50 hours after the SOS alert (the falling mast missed de Roux's deck-mounted Argus disc by inches).


Buoy of the year: Richard Broadhead and tro[illegible] John Voos)

Broadhead is one of those cavalier, freelance roamers whom most of us secretly envy but few could emulate. Leaving Harrow at 16, he followed his whim to the Caribbean and then Australia for several years at Jack of any trade; then studied farming at Cirencester, and went off in unavailing search of land fortune in Brazil.

But childhood Cornish salt was in his blood. He bought a 43ft boat sailed to Rio and back as a round-the -world qualifying race, then Antigua and back in search of sponsors. It was one of his several hundred letters of inquiry which arounsed BOC – to sponsor the whole race rather than him. Everything was sold in order to enter his former Max Aitken boat nicknamed Perspiration by its unsuccessful Admiral's Cup crew.

Broadhead has the same disarming charm of understatement as the land speed record breaker, Richard Noble. Discussing the rescue saga, he says it was apparent during radio contact the day before to de Roux's SOS "that he wasn't having much of a time". You know the kind of situation: 120-foot waves, boat leaking, salt water boils, wet pillow, nobody to help make the tea and toast, in seas which the New Zealander, Dick McBride, calls "two instersecting lines of moving hills".

Almost lightly, Broadhead relates that he was having to change headsails, without roller reefing, several times an hour to reach de Roux as soon as possible, and was "a bit tired, feeling the strain a little, when pushing the boat faster than when actually racing". Yes, of course.

When, below deck talking on the radio, he in fact sailed straight past a despairing de Roux, who let off all his flares from a quarter of a mile away with the weather deteriorating again and darkness approaching, Broadhead admits: "de Roux must have been a bit worried! When I came up, I stood up on the boom, and luckily just spotted his jury sail a mile or so away. If he had been in his life raft, I would never have seen him in those seas."

Jumping between boats, the exhausted Frenchman was fortunate not to break both his legs between the colliding hulls – a reunion as historic as Stanley and Livingstone. An hour later, Skoiern went down. What was it like, in that Antarctic hell hole, before a French frigate took de Roux on board several days later? Broadhead reflects: "I think it improved his English a bit." You would expect so. I mean, they had something to talk about.

CRICKET

Pakistanis run out of the chase

Sydney (Reuter) – Australia recorded their first World Series Cup in crushing Pakistan's revival with two crucial run outs. They won an exciting day-night match at the Sydney Cricket Ground by 34 runs.

Pakistan, who required 265 to win, lost three wickets for only 33 before Imran joined Javed Miandad to add 86 quick runs. But the partnership ended in disaster. Miandad set off for a quick run, changed his mind and Imran was run out for 39.

Miandad added another 56 runs with Mansoor before he was himself run out for 67, going for a risky second run. He was upset at the decision and threw down his bat in disgust.

Australia built their innings on a superb 140-run partnership between the South African-born opener, Wessels, who has been in danger of losing his place, and Border. Wessels was later named as the man of the match.

Sarfraz was responsible for the early collapse, dismissing Phillips and Hughes in his most effective opening spell of the tour. The veteran pace bowler was the only success in a ragged Pakistani attack which was savaged in an 86-run fifth wicket partnership between the left-handers, Marsh and Hookes.

Marsh's bludgeonng 66 provided an effective reply to press reports suggesting he should retire.

AUSTRALIA

K C Wessels b Sarfraz	92
W B Phillips c Wasim Bari b Sarfraz	2
*K J Hughes c Imran b Sarfraz	5
A R Border c Wasim Bari b Sarfraz	54
D W Hookes b Azeem	25
†R W Marsh b Rashid	66
G R J Matthews run out	0
G F Lawson not out	3
J N Maguire c Wasim Bari b Azeem	2
R M Hogg not out	2
Extras (lb 9, w 2, nb 2)	13
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	264

C G Rackemann did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–3, 2–17, 3–157, 4–162, 5–248, 6–249, 7–255, 8–261.

BOWLING: Sarfraz 10-2-27-4; Rashid 10-1-42-1; Nazir 9-0-67-0; Azeem 10-0-60-2; Mudassar 9-0-44-; Mansoor 2-0-15-0.

PAKISTAN

Mohsin Khan l-b-w b Rackemann	9
Mudassar Nazar c Marsh b Lawson	17
Qasim Omar l-b-w b Rackemann	1
Javed Miandad run out	67
*Imran Khan run out	39
Mansoor Akhtar c Lawson b Matthews	33
Sarfraz Nawaz b Hogg	6
†Wasim Bari B Matthews	13
Rashid Khan c Marsh b Rackemann	10
Mohammad Nazir not out	2
Azeem Hafeez not out	7
Extras (b 5, l-b 6, w 2, n-b 6.3)	26
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–30, 2–32, 3–33, 4–119, 5–175, 6–193, 7–201, 8–217, 9–221.

BOWLING: Lawson 10-3-26-1; Rackemann 10-2-35-3; Maguire 10-0-49-0; Hogg 10-0-38-1; Matthews 10-0-61-2.

Chappell can be moved on South Africa

Sydney (Reuter). – Greg Chappell, who has just retired from Test cricket, would consider an offer to play in South Africa. The former Australian captain said in a local radio interview yesterday that he felt sorry for South African sportsmen and described Australian Government moves to isloate South Africa in sport as hypocritical while trading continued.

If someone can come along and convince me that there won't be any hassles for me and my family, then I might consider an offer to play there, he said.

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GOLF

Rabbits get chance to fare even better

Britain's golfing "rabbits" will shortly be able to test their matchplay skills in a new tournament aimed at the average club player. The Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society are to inject £100,000 into the event, which culminates in a grand final, at Vilamoura, in Portugal, in November.

Every adult male member of a golf club in the United Kingdom with a handicap of 18 and under is eligible to enter this match-play championship, which will be played in three stages.

The tournament takes the form of a four-ball better-ball match-play contest after an initial medal round to select the two qualifiers from each club. After that the successful pair will play up to six rounds of match-play against clubs in the same part of the British Isles with the top 16 going on to the finals in Portugal.

Ted Dexter, the championship director and former England Test cricketer, explained: "We felt that the game was unbalanced towards medal play, so we looked at ways of supplementing existing competitions and felt that a four-ball better-ball format fitted the criteria.

"The average club golfer gets comparatively little competitive match-play. In fact, medal play is a relative newcomer as far as the history of the game is concerned, and nowadays quite a lot of us fe[illegible] that the pendulum had swung too f[illegible] in that direction."

The qualifying rounds will be he[illegible] before May 14 and locations for th[illegible] match-play stages during th[illegible] summer will be the home course [illegible] one or other of the teams in eac[illegible] match.

Format review

Tucson (AP) – The controversia[illegible] format of the Tucson match-play championship is likely to b[illegible] changed. The commissioner, Deane Beman, said: "It's safe to say tha[illegible] changes to improve it will be discussed," after Tom Watson had scored a 2 and 1 victory over Gil Morgan in the finals of the first match-play tournament on the American tour in 11 years.

Scott Hoch beat Lanny Wadkins 2 and 1 in the match for third place. Hoch was the only member of the final four who had played through the entire tournament. Watson, Morgan and Wadkins were among the eight leaders of the 1983 Seiko Grand Prix list who were given byes into the fifth round.

The tour officials admitted it was an accommodation for television, an attempt to ensure that some leading players would be on camera in the final rounds.

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[illegible]s presented with the [illegible] limited edition at the [illegible] Fair at Ingliston, near [illegible] yesterday. Panton, [illegible]sh professional champ[illegible] in 1950 the first home [illegible]e a major PGA event. [illegible]ad of Ossie Pickworth, [illegible] after the penultimate [illegible]t on to win the Silver [illegible] Park with seven shots

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YACHTING

Effortless start by Cairns

Melbourne (AP) – Chris Cairns, of Australia, the world champion, scored a brilliant win in the first race in the world championship for the Olympic Tornado class catamaran here yesterday. He sailed through the 60-boat fleet to take the lead halfway through the race, which was held off Sorrento, on Melbourne's Port Phillip Bay.

Cairns showed the extraordinary skill which in the past six months has rocketed him from virtual International obscurity to the peak of the world's fastest one-design catamaran class. He and his crew, Scott Anderson, have won the European championship in Copenhagen, the world championship at Hayling Island in England and last week the Australian title in Sydney.

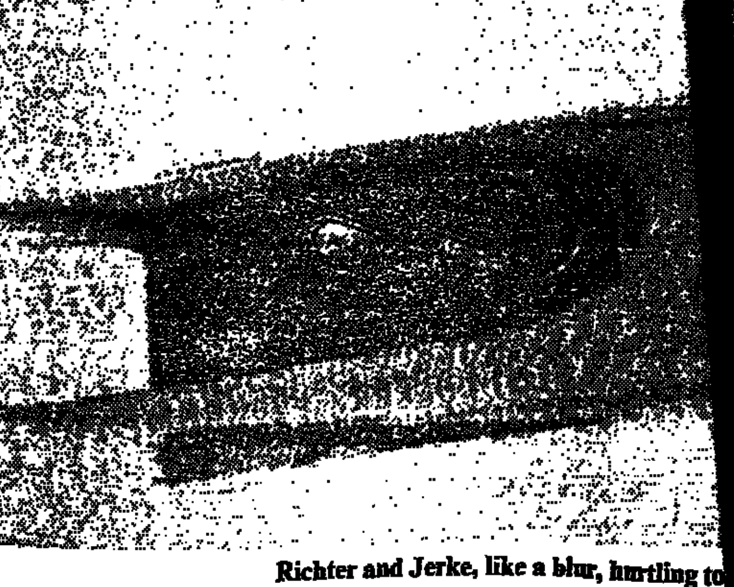
Yesterday they sailed an effortless race in ideal conditions.

Cairns had a tough fight initially to catch a yachtsman almost twice his age, the "Great Dane" of international sailing, Paul Elvstrom.

Reg White, the 1976 Olympic champion, was Britain's best placing at eleventh yesterday, his team mates, Ian Gray and Robert White, coming twelfth and twentieth.

RESULTS: 1, C Cairns (Aus); 2, W Van Ladell (Netherlands); 3, P Elvstrom (Den); 4, R Smythe (US); 5, R Sellars (NZ); 6, M Booth (Aus); 7, M Zutsck (US); 8, C Jennings (Aus); 9, G Marstrom (Swe); 10, D McFaull (US).

BOBSLEIGH: EAST GERMANS' HA[illegible]OW WITH NEW SLEDGE


Richter and Jerke, like a blur, hurtling to[illegible]ce on the opening day

Richter looks like being [illegible] class of his own

From Chris Moore, C[illegible]

The opening day of the two-man event at the World Cup in Cervinia was dominated by Detlef Richter, of East Germany, who broke the track record in each of the first two runs.

At the halfway stage he held a lead of almost a second over Michael Sperr, of West Germany, who had earlier lowered the record himself. But so far Richter has looked almost in a class of his own, as has the new-style East German sledge with its unique hydraulic dampers on all four runners.

"The general design of the sledge itself is a superb piece of engineering and when combined with the talent of their drivers, it leaves the East Germans looking almost unbeatable," Mo Hammond, manager of the Peter Stuyvesant-sponsored British team, said.

"The suspension system they have produced could only be developed by a nation for whom money is no object, and that is the biggest problem we are up against. Our drivers are not far behind the best, but no matter how good they become, we are never likely to have a sledge to match what the East Germans and Russians have come up with."

Britain had hoped to be using their own new £3,200 sledge during the competition, but not for the first time, the so-called Telford Bob, designed and constructed by Ian Jones, the former Lotus designer, in Shropshire, has let them down.

Nick Phipps, of London, drove it in fou[illegible] practice runs before the ru[illegible]er twisted. "Potentially, [illegible] prove faster than conven[illegible] when all the teething [illegible]bs have been ironed out. It [illegible] have been ironed on eve[illegible]pendent suspension carrier [illegible], but the runner pressure[illegible] stand up to the [illegible]track," Hammond said.

Phipp[illegible] chance to finish in the top [illegible] night after he and Paddy B[illegible] the brakeman, got away to [illegible]he fastest start on their seco[illegible]th fastest start on advantage[illegible] But they lost that metre tra[illegible]y down the 1,520-and suffer[illegible] losing their line bumps. T[illegible] successive heavy into tenth[illegible]shed them down Jonathan [illegible] immediately above [illegible], the other British driver, who won the bronze medal in the four-man event here a year ago.

Woodall and Tim Brooking were struggling on starts but still clocked the ninth fastest time of 1min 9.83sec on the second run. That, however, was ovetwo seconds slower than Richter, who has so far brought the track record down from 1min 9.35sec to 1min 7.72sec.

LEADING POSITIONS: 1, East Germany (Richter and Jerke), 2:15.91; 2, West Germany (Sperr and Leitgl), 2:16.89; 3, East Germany (Schönau and Legler), 2:16.90; 4, Italy (Ghedina and Meneghin), 2:17.49; 5, Japan (Okachi and Suzuki), 2:19.01. British placings: 10, Phipps and Bredin, 2:20.09; 11, Woodall and Brooking, 2:20.52.

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UEFA chief condemns cheating and urges faith in human nature

From David Miller, Paris

The draw for the European Championship finals, which was made here yesterday, pitched England's conqerers, Denmark, against France in an opening match at the Parc des Princes on June 12. Yet the occasion was perhaps more notable for the implied admission by the temporary president of UEFA, Jacques Georges, of France, that the game is beset by cheating and must rise above it.

In his opening address M Georges said that it was imperative for football, and sport, to retain its faith in human nature or "We find ourselves surrounded by doubt, accusation, scandal and solitude."

It was, we may presume, a thinly veiled reference to the disgraceful conduct of much of the last World Cup and particularly France's appalling misfortune when they were cheated out of the final by West Germany's goalkeeper, Schumacher, an act which not even the German federation themselves had the dignity to condemn and were rightly chastised by their own newspapers.

M Georges stated: "In competitions of this importance, whatever the sport, there is always the possibility of complaint or suspicion. Other sports also come up with miraculous results" – he means peculiar – "but because they do not attract football's worldwide publicity they do not create the controversies which have come our way.

"Nobody needs to be cheated or exploited. I remain confident about the way our competitons are played but I also remain fully aware of what goes on. Let us do away with rumour and scandal and live for sport."

Such sentiment epitomizes everything French football has represented for as long as I can recall. France have been there at the heart of the international game, without true success, for much of this century, and nothing would be more appropriate than that they should win the European title at home. We do not forget their magnificent team of 1958, nor the fact that England progressed to the 1966 final partially with the help of that crude foul by Stiles on Simon in the first round.

Almost alone with Brazil – and the Netherlands in the 1970s – France have retained that spirit of interprise, a belief that the game was bigger than individuals and more about glory than results; they were an inspiration in the World Cup in Spain with such players as Giresse, Platini and Rocheteau. Their style compels affection and was personified before and after the draw here by the generous humorous and sympathetic manner of their diminutive manager, Michel Hidalgo.

We shall see their current shape when England play a friendly at the Parc des Princes on February 29, an occasion for which Ted Croker was having the customary and inevitable discussions with the French police yesterday afternoon. I just hope that the French will lock our trouble-makers up for even longer than the Luxembourgers did.

There is no doubt that group one in the European finals is the more difficult, containing the defensive Belgians and versatile Yugoslavs as well as the best Denmark ever produced. West Germany, on the blink if their performances against Northern Ireland are any indication, have the easier draw with Portugal (in the first match). Romania and the erratic Spaniards, who are still regarded suspiciously for their remarkable achievement in scoring the necessary double figures against Malta in their last match to eliminate the Netherlands.

In the draw for the under-21 quarter-final, one of the three junior international competitions in which England are doing rather more than their seniors have achieved, Dave Sexton's team are at home to France in the first leg on February 28, with the away leg on March 28 or April 10.

UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW: Quarter-finals: A: England v France; B: Scotland v Yugoslavia; C: Albania v Italy; D: Poland v Spain. Semi-finals: Winners of match A v winners of match C; winners of match B v winners of match D.

Group one

June 12: France v Denmark, Paris
June 13: Belgium v Yugoslavia, Lens
June 16: France v Belgium, Nantes
June 16: Denmark v Yugoslavia, Lyon
June 19: France v Yugoslavia, St Etienne
June 19: Denmark v Belgium, Strasbourg

Group two

June 14: W Germany v Portugal, Strasbourg
June 14: Romania v Spain, St Etienne
June 17: W Germany v Romania, Lens
June 17: Portugal v Spain, Marseilles
June 20: W Germany v Spain, Paris
June 20: Portugal v Romania, Nantes

World Cup dates fixed

In contrast to England, Scotland agreed to play three of their last four World Cup qualifying games away from home, the final one in Wales on September 10, 1985 (David Miller writes). The Welsh will be looking to avenge the result of the qualifier at Anfield for the 1978 finals, when Jordan handled in the Welsh penalty area and Scotland were given a penalty.

FIXTURES: September 12, 1984: Iceland v Wales. October 17: Spain v Wales, Scotland v Iceland. November 14: Scotland v Spain, Wales v Iceland. February 27, 1985: Spain v Scotland. March 27: Scotland v Wales. April 30: Wales v Spain. May 28: Iceland v Scotland. June 12: Iceland v Spain. September 10: Wales v Scotland. September 25: Spain v Iceland.

Back to the front: Diego Maradona returned to Spanish League action against Seville with two goals after an absence of three and a half months with a broken ankle.

Injured Devonshire out for two months

Alan Devonshire, the West Ham United and England midfield player, was recovering yesterday from a knee operation that will keep him out of action for two months.

Devonshire was injured in last Saturday's FA Cup third round win over Wigan. John Lyall, West Ham's manager, said yesterday: "He has a torn medial ligament in the right knee. It has been repaired, but Alan will be in plaster for five or six weeks."

That is a bitter blow for West Ham, who are third in the first division behind Liverpool and Manchester United. Devonshire, an ever-present, has orchestrated their challenge and Lyall acknowledged: "He's a super player. It's a big disappointment, but these things happen and you have to overcome them."

The injury has cost Devonshire the chance of playing for England against France in Paris on February 29 and it also means he is unlikely to re-appear in the FA Cup this season before the semi-final stage, should West Ham reach it.

Regarding the injury, Lyall said: "It's like a cartilage operation and will need a spell of recovery. The plaster will be changed during the six weeks to see how the knee is responding, but at this stage it is impossible to say exactly when Alan will be playing again."

● Charloton Athletic hope to complete the signing of the Queens Park Rangers forward, Mike Flanagan, today. Lennie Lawrence, the second division clubs manager, had talks with QPR manager Terry Venables yesterday and said afterwards: "There have been one or two very interesting developments and I hope to have a deal sorted out tomorrow."

Flanagan, who left Charlton for Crystal Palace for £65,000 five years ago, has been unable to command a regular place in the QPR side and is valued at £50,000.

Lawrence added: "I want to get the move settled as quickly as possible so that Flanagan will be eligible for our fourth round FA Cup tie on January 28."

If Flanagan signs, it is likely to hasten the departure of Derek Hales, who was stripped of the captaincy and transfer-listed following newspaper reports that he would refuse to play alongside him.

The pair were sent off for fighting each other during Charltons third round FA Cup replay against Maidstone at The Valley in 1979.

But Lawrence is still hopeful that Hales and Flanagan can settle their differences. "I would like Derek to stay because they were a very effective partnership in their early days at the valley and I believe they could be as good again," he said.

"I haven't received any offers and if Derek decides he wants to stay, then that would be all right with me."

Queen's Park Rangers would prefer Flanagan to make a permanent move to Charlton but Lawrence still favours a loan arrangement.

● England's top 20 women footballers will train at Lilleshall this weekend in preparation for their UEFA Cup Semi-Final against Denmark.

Yesterday's results

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Queen's Park Rangers 2, Tottenham Hotspur 1; Chelsea 0, Crystal Palace 0.

Parks called in to replace Clemence

Ray Clemence will not face Fulham in the FA Cup third round replay at White Hart Lane tonight. The Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper was ruled out after training yesterday, and will be missing after a run of 74 successive appearances.

Peter Shreeves, the Tottenham assistant manager, said: Ray's shoulder problem has improved considerably, but not quite enough for us to risk him." Tony Parks, aged 20, will play his first game of the season, and only his fourth for the club.

Tottenham delay selection of their side until after training today, to allow Hoddle the maximum time to recover from Achilles tendon trouble. Hoddle was able to undertake light training yesterday. Shreeves said: "The picture looks much brighter for Glenn. He jogged, did some exercises and we are hoping he will be fit. He definitely has a chance of playing, but we will wait until we have have a look at the pitch tomorrow."

Also in the large Tottenham squad are Archibald, who missed the goalless game at Craven Cottage, Crooks, Cook, Dick, Miller and Galvin.

Fulham will be unchanged. Their manager, Malcolm Macdonald, has named the 12 on duty on Saturday, resisting the temptation to bring back Sealy, who is fit again.

Mike Phelan's run of 87 consecutive league and cup appearances could end when Burnley travel to meet Oxford United. The Burnley centre back has a knee injury and the manager, John Bond, has told the former Southampton defender, Waldron, to stand by.

Phelan, Burnley's only ever-present last season, is having intensive treatment for the injury, which caused him to go off in the sixty-fourth minute of the goalless tie at Turf Moor.

Oxford have selection worries, for their 14th cup tie of the season. The full back, Hinshelwood, and the forward, Vinter, resumed training yesterday after suffering knocks on Saturday, but the midfield player, Brock, who has been in bed since the weekend with a heavy cold, was again absent.

Rotherham United will again be without their captain and central defender, Stone, at West Bromwich. Stone's absence will mean another game for the teenage left back, Crosby, in an unchanged team.

Cross, who twisted his ankle in the goalless draw at Rotherham, has a late test for West Bromwich Albion. Owen has recovered from a leg injury, and although the Dutch midfield player, Jil, is available again after suspension, Albion are likely to be unchanged.

The Norwich City manager, Ken Brown, has warned his players against complacency, as they go into the first of two cup ties against Aston Villa. After tonight's FA Cup replay at Carrow Road, the clubs meet in a Milk Cup quarter-final next Tuesday

"In many ways, we did the hard part in drawing at Villa Park, but it is not over yet – not by a long chalk", Brown said.

The forward, Shaw, is expected to pass a late test on a hamstring strain, and take his place in a Villa side showing just one change – Glover, aged 20, coming in for his senior debut, in place of the suspended central defender, Ormsby.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Whitehaven have naught for comfort

By Keith Macklin

The Cambrian club, Whitehaven, have set up a totally unwanted record. Their 20-0 defeat by Warrington on Sunday was their eighteenth consecutive defeat, a new first division record since two divisions were reintroduced in 1973.

The previous record of 17 defeats was set up by Swinton in 1975-76. Whitehaven are the only team in both divisions without a victory this season. In addition to their 18 league defeats they have lost two Cup games.

Although Tommy Bishop, the Leigh coach, and Peter Smethurst, the Oldham coach, have criticized John Mean, the referee, for abandoning Sunday's brawling league game, Smethurst has admitted that the fighting "sickened" him. "At the time I thought of packing in the game, but I thought better of it later. I always played the game hard myself, but I have no time for boxing and wrestling on the field of play," he said.

● With only five days before the John Player Trophy final, in which they will be competing for a record sixth time, Widnes yesterday announced a lucrative jersey sponsorship.

Tom Smith, the chairman of the club, said that agreement had been reached for a three and a half year sponsorship worth £47,000. Backing Widnes are Stanley Leisure, a company based in the North and Midlands, specializing in casinos and betting shops.

● Half a dozen applications have been received at League headquarters for the post of assistant manager of the summer Australasian tour.

BASKETBALL

Solent have no time to celebrate

By Nicholas Harling

There will be no time for Sperrings Solent Stars to bask in the glow of their ASDA Cup triumph on Monday. The players who devastated Planters Leicester 86-67 at the Albert Hall to take the trophy for the third year running will be back on court at Eastleigh tonight for a game the club regards as even more important.

Cibona Zagreb, the crack Yugoslavs, are Solent's visitors in the European Cup-Winners' Cup, a competition in which the English club are now assured of playing in again next season whatever the outcome. By whisking the players straight back from London before the post-match reception had finished, Solent's coach, Jim Kelly, showed he meant business for tonight's group quarter-final. "I don't want to get too excited about winning the Cup because we've got another game on Wednesday", he said.

It was with the Zagreb game in mind that Kelly rested two of his key players, Robinson and Saiers, in the closing stages when the points margin was enough to withstand any Leicester rally, not that one materialized.

Solent were also indebted to Johnson, who is never more dangerous than when he has his back to the basket. He invariably twisted his way into scoring positions to claim 20 points, two less than Payton, Leicester's top scorer. However, Payton was outrebounded by Robinson and Saiers, who was voted the most valuable player of the match.

Making their first appearance in the final, Leicester gave a good account of themselves for only the first six minutes, at which point the score was 12-12. The last 14 minutes of the half were disastrous for the Midland club as they sank only seven more points to Solent's 28. By half time the game was effectively over.

The cup is in Solent's keeping; the league title is certain to go there for the first time and on current form they will take a lot of stopping in both the Cup Winners' Cup and national championship finals at Wembley in March.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL:
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: New York Knicks 111, Philadelphia Tigers 73; New Jersey Nets 107, Washington Bullets 103.

CYCLING
BREMEN Six-day race (fifth day): 1, Thurau and A Fritz (WG), 170pts; 2, G Frank and H-H Oersted (Den) 162. One lap behind: 3, A Doyle (GB) and G Wiggins (Aus), 183; 4, J Kristen (WG) and R Pijnen (Neth), 128.

ICE HOCKEY:
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Edmonton Oilers 7, Detroit Red Wings 3.

TENNIS
OAKLAND (California): Virginia Slims first round (US unless stated): P Shriver bt A M Cecchini (Italy), 6-1, 6-2; K Rinaldi bt K Cummings, 6-3, 6-0; B Gadusek bt C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 7-5, 6-4; M Maleeva (Bul) bt K Schaefer, 7-6, 6-2; L Bonder bt V Ruzici (Rom), 7-5, 7-6; A Smith bt S Hanika (WG), 7-5, retired.
AUCKLAND: Auckland Open championships: first round (US unless stated): C Hooper bt C Miller (Aust), 6-4, 7-6; J Frawley (Aust) bt D Mustard (NZ), 7-6, 6-2; B Drewett (Aust) bt M Brunnberg, 6-1, 6-4; S Bravley bt D Lewis (NZ), 6-3, 6-2; L Stefanki bt R Frawley (Aust), 7-6, 6-1; T Nelson bt S Youl (Aust), 6-3, 7-6; C Lewis (NZ) bt P Doohan (Aust), 6-3, 6-7, 6-1; L Bourne bt R Evett, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; R Simpson (NZ) bt B Dyke (Aust), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

BOXING
NABC FINALS (17-19 age group): Light flyweight M Epton (Mexborough) bt K Pearce (Watford), rsc, 2nd round; Flyweight M Smith (Callowland, Bushey) bt P Fennelly (Ardwick LC, Manchester) pts; Bantamweight P Stephens (Kingston, Stanwell) bt T Dones (Meanwood ABC, Leeds) pts; Featherweight R Smyth (Phoenix ABC, Newport) bt A Mesher (Repton ABC) pts; Lightweight N Foran (Rotunda ABC, Liverpool), bt G Andrew (Fitzroy Lodge ABC) pts; Light Welterweight A Smith (Clifton ABC, Nottingham) bt G Howard (Hollington BC, London) pts; Welterweight F Harding (Golden Gloves ABC, Liverpool) bt D Abbot (West Ham BC) pts; Light Middleweight W Wilson (Danson YC, London) bt J Collins (Sale West ABC, Sale) pts; Middleweight M Watson (Colvestone YC, London) bt G Hall (Whitburn CA, South Shields) pts; Light Heavyweight N Wackman (Silver Ring ABC, Brighton) bt R Flanagan (Sydenham, Somerset) ko 2nd round.

SNOW REPORTS
SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: no report. Glenshee: upper runs: some runs complete; wet snow; lower slopes: ample nursery areas. Glencoe: insufficient snow. Lecht: upper and middle runs: complete, wide snow cover; hard-packed snow on a firm base; lower slopes: limited nursery areas; hard-packed snow on firm base; vertical runs: 700ft; hill and main roads: clear; snow level: 2,000ft.

New cup draw

The draw for the first round of the new Associate Members Cup will take place at the Football League's Lytham St Annes headquarters on January 25 at 11am.

Preparing the ground for the biggest kick-off in 46 years

French spend £31m on seven stadiums for European finals

Paris – (AFP) A $45 (£31m) stadium construction and renovation programme has been undertaken by the French in preparation for the European championship finals. Seven stadiums, including a newly-constructed one at Nantes, will be used for the finals, Frances biggest football occasion since the 1938 World Cup Finals.

The national stadium, the Parc des Princes in Paris, will stage two group fixtures, including the opening game on June 12 and the final 15 days later on June 27. Ironically, the Parc des Princes is the smallest of the seven grounds, with a capacity of 48,360, all seated and under cover.

There has been concern in some quarters over the size of the Parc des Princes, on which no modernization has been carried out for the finals. Yet at the official presentation of the finals in February, 1982 UEFA Officals were scarcely worried.

It has been suggested that seats at either end could be taken out to increase the capacity but the late Artemio Franchi, then UEFA president, summed up the feelings of European football's governing body when he said it was not important to have a huge stadium, particularly in these days of such enormous television transmission possibilities.

Biggest of the seven stadiums is the Stade Velodrome in the Mediterranean port of Marseilles, a French second division club. Its capacity has been increased by 11,300 to a possible 56,300, with 24,000 seats.

On the new stadium, the Stade de la Beaujoire in the Western city of Nantes, has been dogged recently by disputes between the city authorities and the construction companies over the contract price. Last week the planned inaugural match at the stadium, a friendly between France and Austria, on March 28, had to be rearranged for elsewhere because it was not certain that work would be completed in time.

A court hearing is pending over the dispute but a city hall spokesman said that the stadium would be ready for the championships. Originally the stadium, which will stage two group matches, was projected to cost $30m but the contractors have been claiming an additional figure exceeding $5m.

When it is completed the stadium will hold 52,000 spectators (10,000 seats), but it will also be easily convertible into a 38,000 capacity ground with all but 6,000 seated.

Marseilles and the 52,000 (nearly 40,000 seats) capacity Stade Gerland, on which nearly $6m has been spent, in the central city of Lyons, also a second division club, will stage the semi-finals as well as group matches.

Most money has spent on the Stade de la Meinau in the eastern city of Strasbourg.

Chelsea can expect a welcome at the Palace

Crystal Palace's chairman, Ron Noades, confirmed yesterday that the club would be happy to accommodate Chelsea if they are forced to move temporarily while Stamford Bridge is being redeveloped Mr Noades said "It has been agreed at a board meeting that we would give sympathetic consideration to Chelsea but at the moment it is not up to us to say any more."

There are plans for redevelopment of Stamford Bridge to start this summer.

Danny Wilson, 24-year old Nottingham Forest midfield player, signed for Brighton for £45,000 yesterday. Wilson has been on loan with Brighton for six weeks and scored four goals in eight matches.

His loan period was due to end the day before Brighton's FA Cup fourth round tie against Liverpool at Hove on Sunday, January 29. The manager Chris Cattlin, said: "I've been anxious to sign Danny since he first came to us on loan. The fact that he will now be able to play for us against Liverpool helps to off-set the loss of Jimmy Case who will miss the match because of suspension".

Bob Latchford, the former England striker, has turned down a move to Manchester City.

Frank Gray, Leeds United's Scottish international defender or midfield player, suffering three broken bones in his left hand, has been ruled out of action for a month at least.

FA Youth Cup draw

Southampton travel to either Newcastle for Leeds in the fourth round of the FA Youth Cup. The draw produced only one local derby, Chelsea v Brentford.

DRAW: Chelsea v Brentford; Aston Villa v Fulham or West Ham United; Ipswich Town or Millwall v Everton; Stoke City v Luton Town; Newcastle United or Leeds United v Southampton; Arsenal v Norwich City or Cambridge United; Barnsley v Derby County or Manchester United; Sunderland v Liverpool. (Matches to be played on or before February 4).

Monday's results

THIRD DIVISION: Southend 1 Bristol Rovers 2.
SCOTTISH CUP: Second round: Dunfermline 1, Forfar 0 (Dunfermline away to Rangers.).
MIDWEEK LEAGUE CUP: Northampton 4, Cambridge United 2.
FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Southampton 5, AP Leamington 0.

Auld loses job at Hamilton

Bertie Auld, a member of Celtic's European Cup winning side in 1967, has been dismissed as manager by Hamilton Academical, wh are third from bottom of the Scottish first division, Auld, who also spent three seasons playing for Birmingham City in the early 1960s, immediately said: "The one certain thing is that I will return to football".

Auld, who had been at the club for just under a year, was informed of the board's decision at midday yesterday. Later, the commercial manager, David Morrison, said: "The directors will not make any hasty appointment and will advertise".

Meanwhile, the coach, John Lambie, who was with Auld at Hibernian before joining Hamilton, will take over for Saturday's game at Brechin. The former Celtic assistant manager, John Clark, the former Morton manager, Benny Rooney and the Queen's Park coach, Eddie Hunter, are candidates for the vacancy.

Roma depend on Falcao to provide the missing spark

Testing time for the champions

Rome (Reuter) – Roma, the Italian champions, arrived at the halfway point of their season over the weekend trailing the league leaders and their arch-rivals, Juventus, by three points.

The star-studded Turing side, inspired by Platini of France, the European Footballer of the Year, have stolen the limelight in the first 15 league games and thrust third-placed Roma well and truly into the shadows.

And Roma – the Brazilian star, Falcao, and all – know they must find their form in the remaining 15 matches if they are to retain their championship.

Roma's misery is compounded by the presence of Juventas's Turin neighbours, Torino, in second place in the table, their best mid-season position for six years. They lead the champions by a point but trail Juventus, who have 22 points, by two.

Meanwhile, Rome's other first division side, Lazio, are hardly easing the city's gloom. They hover one place off the bottom, just a point clear of Catania, and are facing an immediate return to the second division.

Platini's rising fortunes have typified Juventus's return to form. He has painstakingly consolidated his own form since joining Juventus after the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

And the ebbulient Frenchman established a personal record of scoring in seven consecutive matches last Sunday when he scored the first Juventus goal in the 4-2 win over Genoa which carried them a point clear at the top.

He has scored 11 of his side's 34 goals this season and is the league's top marksman alongside Udinese's Brazilian import, Zico, whose mixed fortunes prove again that one man – no matter who he is – never makes a team.

Falcao still displays the skills which prompted Roma supporters to dub him "King of Italy" six months ago, but to little avail. Dogged by widely-reported but unproven allegations about his love life, the Brazilian has tried in vain to fire a Roma team continually reorganized by Nils Liedholm, the Swedish manager.

Falcao was voted man of the match at Verona last Sunday but he was forced gradually deeper to gain possession and could not prevent his side losing 1-0. Liedhold is appparantly unworried by his team's inconsistent form: "We're only just halfway through the championship. There's still a long way to go", he said.

Falcao is also optimistic: "We expected to reach mid-season two points down on the leaders so we're only one point adrift. It's at such times that great teams show their mettle." His optimism could yet be well placed. Roma play eight of their remaining matches at home, including all the encounters with their fellow championship contenders.

Lazio, who clearly need to find someone to bring out the talents of their Brazilian player, Batista, and the young Dane, Laudrup, were already plunging towards the foot of the table when their forward, Giordano, broke a leg. They were lucky to lose only 1-0 at home to fellow strugglers Pisa on Sunday.

But Lazio's salvation could come from their former international player, Chinaglia, who returned from a period with New York Cosmos to become president of his old club.

Chinaglia, aged 37, is reported to be thinkinking of taking up playing again, although he refuses to confirm or deny the possibility.

While Turin and Rome look set to battle out the championship honours, the mood in Italy's other soccer hotbed, Milan, is one of quiet satisfaction. Both AC and Inter are six points adrift of Juventus in eighth and ninth places, respectively, level on 16 points with Udinese and Ascoli.

Inter have shaken of their disastrous early form which left then bottom of the table at the start of the season

Meanwhile, AC Milan, newly promoted, continue to emerge as one of the most exciting sides in the division, although they will have to tighten a suspect defence if they are to climb higher this season.

BOXING

Cedeno's punching power impresses Japanese

Tokyo (Reuter) – Frank Cedeno, of the Philippines the WBC fly weight champion, yesterday and impressed his Japanese challenger Kati Kobayashi, with his punching power.

"Cedeno lacks technique, but seems to have a strong punch, the challenger said, as he watched Cedono box two rounds against Kazuhiro Ikeda, Japan's No 3 light-flyweight contender.

Cedeno, aged 25, arrived here on Monday, for his first defence of the title he won from Charlie Magri in London last September. He resumed training yesterday after boxing about 50 rounds before coming to Japan.

Cedeno, who stopped Magri in the sixth round, said he would go for a knockout on January 18. Cedono, a southpaw, produced impressive right jabs and left and right hooks to the body during his sparring. Both his punches are heavy, but his right hook seems stronger, Ikeda said.

Cedeno, sporting a bruise under his left eye from sparring at home last Saturday, said he had no weight problem, and is not bothered by the cold weather of a Tokyo winter. Kobayashi praised Cedeno's body punching, but said he planned to use his legs to keep out of trouble.

● JOHANNESBURG: South Africa's World Boxing Association (WBA) heavyweight champion, Gerrie Coetzee, has named Jeff Sims, of the United States, as the likely opponent for his first title defence (Reuter reports).

The South African Press Association quoted Coetzee as saying the bout against Sims, who is not ranked in the WBA's top 10, would take place in South Africa in April or May. "There is no doubt in my mind that Sims will be my opponent, although he might become entangled in an elimination fight against Spain's Alfredo Evangelista", Coetzee said.

The Spaniard is tenth in the WBA rankings.

Coetzee, who won the world title when he knocked out Michael Dokes last September, said he would begin serious training next week.

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TENNIS

Scientists serve up an ace for Miss Durie

Jo Durie has been at the service of scientists in an analysis of her stamina. Britain's No 1 woman tennis player jogged nearly three miles on Monday while experts monitored her body functions through sophisticated electronic equipment.

Miss Durie's coach, Alan Jones, is hoping the physiological assessment by the University of Liverpool will improve her game. She underwent a gruelling 25-minute run wired to machines to test her lung capacity.

In the second part of the programme yesterday he service was being analysed using a camera linked to a computer. A similar investigation carried out three years ago showed Miss Durie could improve, using untapped leg power. The current tests revealed she was now able to run at high speed longer.

Her coach said: "We are trying to find ways of improving her game and the computer can pinpoint her faults. This time Jo will have to improve her service. It is very strong but not reliable."



Wired for sound: Miss Durie is sorely tested

As Miss Durie stepped off the treadmill, exhausted, she said: "My legs feel very wobbly. Finding out how I can improve my game on the tennis court by computer will be fascinating.

SNOOKER

Griffiths given hard match by Roscoe

Colin Roscoe's hopes of springing a surprise on his fellow Welshman, Terry Griffiths, were dashed when he lost 5-2 after making a bright start in their Lada Classic first round match at Warrington.

Roscoe brought a small army of fans, including three coach-loads from his north Welsh home town of Connah's Quay to see him take on the 1979 world champion from Llanelli. The former ice cream salesman gave them something to cheer as he potted brilliantly to mak a break of 89 for the first frame.

When Griffiths missed a simple black in the second Roscoe stepped in again with a 54 break to win 65-10 and take a 2-0 lead. But Griffiths won the next five fames to claim a quarter-final place against Steve Davis.

Griffiths began his run with a break of 50 in the third frame and finished off in style with an 87 clearance to win the seventh frame 132-5.

First round: (Sunday) E Charlton (Aus) bt J White, 5-3; (Monday) M Wildman bt S Francisco (SA), 5-1; A Knowles bt M Hallett, 5-3; (Yesterday) T Griffiths bt C Roscoe, 5-2.

RUGBY UNION

Cooke makes return to captain Harlequins

David Cooke returns to captain Harlequins as they aim for a sixth successive merit table win against Blackheath on Saturday. Cooke impressed in the England trial last weekend while his club defeated the Army. Gary Claxton, prop, is back after suspension to replace Trevor Borthwick, who has returned to Cambridge University.

O'Brien takes over from Monday and Cooke ousts Atkin from the back row. Cuthbertson, the Scottish international second row forward, has influenza. Because of Scottish District and trials calls Cuthbertson last played for Harlequins in November.

Gary Cox, Moseley's captain, misses his first match of the season against Neath on Saturday. He is rested in preparation for the John Player Cup tie at Sale on January 28. His place goes to Keith Bothwick, a promising young hooker.

Moseley make three more changes. Lockyer returns at No 8, with Beale staying at flanker in place of Warren, who has a rib injury. Goodwin resumes on the wing after reserve duty for England.

Rose returns at full back to the Rosslyn Park team for their visit to Exeter on Saturday. He missed Park's win over Blackheath last weekend as he was on England trial duty at Twickenham.

Chris Pinnegar, second row forward, is drafted into the unbeaten Wasps team to tackle Llanelli at Stradey Park on Saturday. He replaces Colclough who is in France on Business. Pinnegar partnered Colclough in the London Divison pack which faced New Zealand last November.

Davies, earmarked for a place in the England centre this season, is at outside half with Melville, captain, as his partner.

£6,500 in the bag

Jenny Lee Smith, a leading British woman golfer, has signed a £6,500 sponsorship agreement with the Aycliffe and Peterlee Development Corporations.

ICE SKATING

Russian rivals try to lead Torvill and Dean a merry dance

From John Hennesy, Budapest

Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean seemed unmoved yesterday by reports filtering through from the Russian camp that they may be in breach of the rules with their *Bolero* free dance. Two of the Russian trainers have expressed doubts, one back in Moscow and another here in Budapest. as the European championships open the international season.

Tatiana Tarasova, who trains the British couple's principal challengers, thought there might be elements in the programme that were not, or should not, be permitted. Elena Tchaikovskaya, another leading Russian official, questioned the use of only one piece of music. It is not new experience for the world champions to be subjected to what amounts to an innocent war of nerves, for much the same thing happened last year, when they took the world by storm with Barnum on Ice.

How could anything be wrong, Miss Torvill asked yesterday when the judging panel at the British championship in Nottingham in November, included Laurence Denny, who is chairman of the Ice Dance Committee of the International Skating Union? Denny, himself a former world champion, gave them two marks of 5.9 and this is a man who has never yet awarded a full mark of 6.0 in any competition.

Torvill and Dean received a letter after the British championships, in the normal way of things, asking them to change a hold in one of the compulsory dances, an area where they are also seeking to push back the frontiers. There was not a word of criticism of the free dance.

Dean also refused any suggestion, expressed by Robin Cousins among others, that the programme was straight forward by their standards. Dean said yesterday: "This is by far the most difficult programme we have ever done, not only technically, but also because the one single tempo dictates that everything has to match every single moment, and besides that, of course, it is much more emotionally demanding."

One of the hardest things was to repress the strong impulses that would be out of character for this kind of music. "There were times", he said, "when we were lying dead at the end of a *Bolero* run-through that we actually felt like that, as though the last breath of life had gone from us. Concentration had to be total."

Training conditions here are not ideal, since the second rink is four metres smaller than the main arena, both in length and breadth. But the ice, Miss Torvill says, is superb, and they were looking forward to presenting *Bolero* before a full audience of 8,000 on Saturday afternoon.

Dean takes up the theme. "The main hall is superb, with a lovely atmosphere. It's a big arena, and you have the feeling when you're on the ice, that you are in command of the centre of the stage."

They thought the changes they had made to Bolero would largely go unnoticed by most spectators, even if they had had the chance to see the Nottingham championship. They were mostly subtle variations to help the programme to flow and develop. Apart, that is, from the one moment at the start when Miss Torvill slides over her partner's body before beginning to skate in earnest.

All in all, they seem to be very much in control of the situation.

Yesterday's men's compulsory figures were a severe setback for the reigning champion, Norbert Schramm, of West Germany. He finished sixth and has thus accumulated 3.6 penalty points compared with the 0.6 of the leader, Jean-Christoph Simond, of France. He will expect to make good that deficit in the remaining sections of the competition.

Paul Robinson, representing Britain in place of the national champion, Mark Pepperday, now a professional, was seventeenth, by no means discouraging on his first appearance. Pepperday, one recalls, was only sixteenth in his last. Robinson was fifteenth on the first figure, but could not quite hold on.

MEN'S COMPULSORIES: 1, J C Simond (Fr), 0.6 pts; 2, J Sabovcik (Cz), 1.2; 3, R Cerne (WG), 1.8; 4, A Fadeyev (USSR), 2.4; 5, H Fischer (WG), 3.0; 6, N Schramm (WG), 3.6. British placing: 17, P Robinson, 10.2.

PAIRS SHORT PROGRAMME: 1, E. Valova and O. Vasiliev (USSR) 0.4pts; 2, S Baess and T. Thierbach (EG) 0.8; 3, B. Lornez and K. Schubert (EG) 12. British placing: 9, S. Garland and I. Jenkins 3.6.

WOMEN'S COMPULSORY FIGURES: 1, E. Vodorezova (USSR) 0.6 points; 2, K. Witt (EG) 1.2; 3, S. Cariboni (Switz) 1.8; 4, M. Ruben (WG) 2.4; 5, A. Kondrashova (USSR) 3.0; 6, S. Dubravcic (Yug) 3.6. British placing: 19, S. Jackson (GB) 11.4.

CRICKET

S Africans undone by speed of Moseley

Cape Town (Reuter) – Incisive fast bowling by Moseley and a fine 94 not out from Trotman spurred the West Indians to a crushing win over a South African XI in their one-day match here yesterday. The touring team's eight-wicket victory in the fourth limited-overs game gave them a winning 3-1 lead in the six-match series.

The rebels' path to success was cleared when Moseley wrecked the South African front-line batting and finished with four for 38 from his 10 overs. The South Africans were bundled out for 149 and the West Indians scored 150 for two with 10.1 overs to spare for their biggest win of the series.

Moseley, Alleyne, Stephenson and Clarke simply bowled too fast ad straight. The South Africans struggled from the moment cook was caught behind off Moseley, who went on to bowl Kirsten, the captain, and Fotheringham with blistering balls that cut back off the pitch, as well as having Mc Ewan caught behind.

SCORES: South African XI 149 (41 2 overs) (R G Pollock 45, A Kuiper 35; Moseley 4 for 38); West Indian XI 150 for 2 (38.5 overs) (E N Trotman 94).

Smith backs players on bar incident

Auckland (Reuter) – Alan Smith, the England tour manager, has dismissed allegations of drunkenness and surly behaviour by members of the team here.

Smith said claims by Ian Brooks, an English businessman and tour supporter, that members of the touring team had behaved boorishly in their Auckland hotel on Saturday night were unfounded.

England's manager investigated players' behaviour after Brooks, a Middlesex CCC member, telexed a complaint to the *Daily Express* in London. Smith said he found their behaviour not "unduly excessive".

"I received no other complaints from members of the public in the bar at the time nor from any hotel staff", Smith added. But Brooks stood by his allegations yesterday, saying he would not expect behaviour of the kind he had seen.

Gower, Gatting, Cook and Fostergive way to Smith, Randall, Mards and Cowans in England's team for the three day match against Central Districts which was due to start today.

ENGLAND XI: R G D Willis (captain), C J Tavaré, C L Smith, Fowler, D W Randall, J Lamb, I T Botham, V J Marks, R W Taylor, G R Dilley, G Cowans.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS: J R Wiltshire (captain), R T Hart, I R Snook, I Hart, P S Briasco, M D Crowe, R E Hayward, M M Toynbee, I D S Smith, S J Gill, D A Stirling, G K Robertson (or P Visser).

● Thirty one chalets in a tented village at Edgbaston will be available for hire at £1,200 per day for the first Test match between England and West Indies in June. Jim Cumbes, Warwickshire's commercial manager, is following the lead of golf and racing in offering luxury class accommodation for 24 people in each chalet.

SKIING

Stenmark's first giant of season

Adelboden, Switzerland (AP) – Ingemar Stenmark gained best times on both runs yesterday to win the giant slalom race and score his seventy-fifth World Cup victory. The Swede, a veteran of 10 World Cup seasons, was timed for a combined 2min 27.36sec for the two runs featuring 50 and 51 gates with a drop of 330 metres (1,006 feet).

Stenmark, winner of two Olympic gold medals in 1980, who is barred from competing in next month's Sarajevo winter games because of his semi-professional status, beat the Austrian Hubert Strolz, by 0.68 second.

Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, who beat Stenmark here last year, finished third, 0.8 seconds behind. But Zurbriggen's performance earned him 15 World Cup points to take him into the lead overall.

Stenmark was timed at 1:13.76 for the first 50-gate run, slowed by light snowfall, and 1:13.60 on the 51-gate second run, under a bright sun, to secure his fifth giant slalom triumph on the Adelboden course.

"It was tough going on both runs", he said. "The top part was on hard and tricky snow while the snow was soft on the home stretch."

In the first run, Stenmark shared best time with the Austrian-born Marc Girardelli, who competes under Luxembourg's flag. But Girardelli turned in a slow second run and finished an aggregate 1.25 seconds behind the Swede.

LEADERS: 1, I Stenmark (Swe) 2min 27.36sec; 2, H Strolz (Aust) 2.28.04; 3, P Zurbriggen (Switz) 2:28.16; 4, M Girardelli (Lux) 2:28 61; 5, J Franko (Yug) 2:29 05; 6, H Enn (Aust) 2.29.27; 7, M Julen (Switz) 2:29.32; 8, G Hinterseer (Aust) 2:29 39; 9, F Gruber (Aust) 2:29.78; 10, B Krizaj (Yug) 2:29.90; 11, B Strel (Yug) 2:30 33; 12, T Buergler (Switz) 2 30 36; 13, G Shaw (US) 2:30 50; 14, N Hennig (Swe) 2:30 65; 15, J Luethy (Switz) 2.31.14.

GIANT SLALOM LEADERS: 1, Zurbriggen 80 pts; 2, Enn 59; 3, Franko 49; 4, Julen 42; 5, Strolz and Stenmark 34.

WORLD CUP LEADERS: 1, Zurbriggen 112 pts; 2, Heinzer (Switz) 98; 3, Wenzel (Liech) 85; 4, Stenmark 84; 5, U Raeber (Switz) 83.

NATIONS CUP LEADERS: 1, Switzerland 941 pts; 2, Austria 755; 3, West Germany 327; 4, Liechtenstein 235; 5, Canada 221

Stenmark after his giant slalom win yesterday.

● Martin Bell, the British number one, and his brother Graham are in Britain's team for the Olympic Alpine Championships in Sarajevo next month. Martin was particularly impressive when he finished fourteenth in the third World Cup downhill of the season, at Val Gardena, Italy, on December 18. It was the second best result achieved by a Briton, bettered only by Bartelski's second at Val Gardena two years earlier.

ALPINE: Men: M Bell, G Bell, M Blythe, F Burton, D Mercer, C O'Brien, N Wilson. Women: L Beck, C Booth.

BIATHLON (from): S Daglish, G Ferguson, P Howdle, T King, C MacIvor, A McLeod, J Wood

CROSS-COUNTRY: Men: M Dixon, D Marshall, M More, A Rawlin, J Spotswood, M Watkins. WOMEN: C Brelltan, R Coats, P Hutchison, L Jeffrey, N Lavery, D Truman.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to Resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Andermatt	60	130	good	varied	good	cloud	-6C
Snow good visibility bad							
Arosa	80	100	good	powder	good	fine	-8C
New snow on good base							
Grindelwald	30	60	good	powder	good	fine	-6C
Fresh powder on hard base							
Isola 2000	60	110	good	crust	good	fine	-2C
Ice on North facing slopes							
Klosters	55	130	good	powder	good	cloud	-4C
Thin layer of powder on piste							
Leysin	20	50	icy	fair	fair	fair	-2C
Mürren	45	85	good	powder	good	fine	-11C
Good skiing everywhere							
Seefeld	45	75	good	powder	good	fine	-4C
Snow on good base							
Selva	30	50	good	powder	fair	fine	-5C
Worn patches on all slopes							
Solder	45	70	good	powder	fair	fine	-7C
Good skiing on most pistes							
St Anton	40	120	good	powder	fair	fine	-8C
Good powder on crusty base							
Tignes	20	120	fair	varied	fair	fine	-10C
Off piste heavily skied							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following report has been received from a tourist board:

BOXING

Smart's defence is still on

By George Ace

Hugh Russell, the former British bantam weight champion from Belfast, will challenge Kelvin Smart, of Wales, for the British flyweight title in a joint top of the bill promotion at the King's Hall on January 25. This was confirmed at a press conference in Belfast yesterday which Smart and his father attended.

The London promoter, Frank Warren had protested to the British Boxing Board of Control on the grounds that he had Smart under contract to defend his title against Keith Wallace. But the promoter Stephen Eastwood said that Warren had not registered an objection when informed by the board of the title bout application.

Russell, aged 24, gets the opportunity to emulate two illustrious former champions Rinty Monaghan, at present seriously ill in hospital, and John Caldwell and become the third Belfast man to win the flyweight crown.

The British and Europeann featherweight champion, Barry McGuigan shares the top place on the bill with a 12-round contest against Charm Chiteule, of Zambia, rated No 2 in the Commonwealth rankings.

● Prince Rodney's withdrawal from his British light-middleweight title defence against Jimmy Cable, at the Albert Hall, London, on Tuesday because of an eye injury, means Cable meets the Ohio-based Manning Galloway over 10 rounds. Galloway drew with Roy Gumbs, then the British middleweight champion, in Toronto in April 1982.

IN BRIEF

ATHLETICS: Kathy Cook is out of the Women's AAA indoor championships at RAF Cosford this weekend. An injured calf muscle has ended her hopes of making her first indoor appearance over 400 metres. She now hopes to compete in the European indoor championships in Gothenburg on March 3 and 4.

BADMINTON: England aim to extend one of sport's longest unbeaten runs when they meet Scotland at Bishopbriggs, Glasgow, on January 26. England have won all 54 previous encounters, dating back to the first in London in 1922.

ENGLAND (from): S Butler (Warwickshire), A Goode (Hertfordshire), N Tier (Hampshire), D Bridge (Surrey), C Dobson (Worcestershire), D Tailor (Middlesex), K Beckman (Surrey), B Sutton (Staffordshire), G Gowers (Sussex).

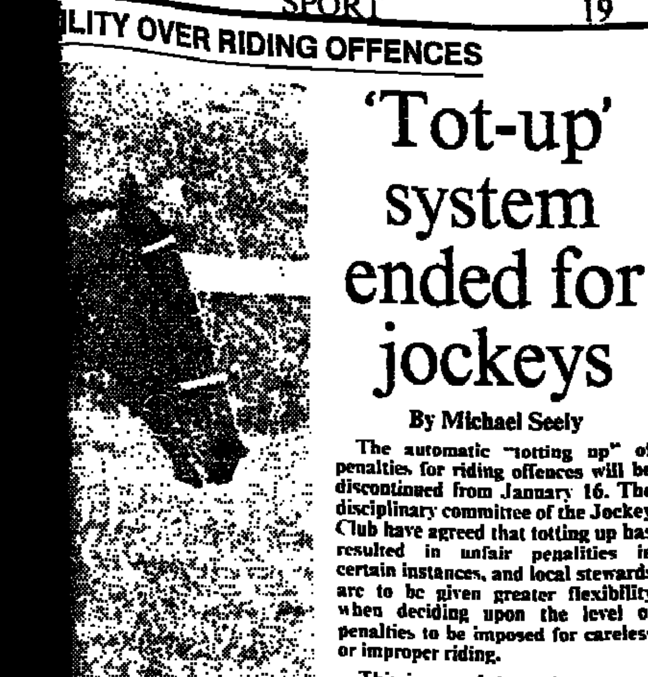
HOCKEY: Oxford University beat Cheam 2-0 in the London League match played at the Parks yesterday. Monks from a short corner and Hurn from open play scoring in the first half, Sydney Friskin writes. It was only Oxford's second victory in 14 matches, enabling them to move from twenty-fifth to twenty-fourth position in the table, one below Cambridge.

TENNIS: Mats Wilander has been voted athlete of the year in Sweden for 1983. Wilander finished top of the year's Grand Prix standings.

RACING: LOCAL STEWARDS TO BE GIVEN [illegible]ILITY OVER RIDING OFFENCES







A giant leap but an insignificant one from John Francome's mount, Eggnog, [illegible] behind Mr Snugfit at Leicester. This was Eggnog's last chance to qualify for the Grand Nati[illegible] Chris Cole.)

A great Barrier Reef for [illegible]haw

By Michael Seely

Yorkshire trainers are certainly planning a powerful assault on the weekend's rich prizes at Ascot and Newcastle. After Peter Easterby had watched No Bombs return to form with an easy defeat of W Six Times in the Wike Handicap Chase at Wetherby yesterday, the Malton trainer said that Torreon would go to Ascot for the Green Highlander Chase on Friday.

Monica Dickinson, representing her son the champion trainer, Michael, announced that Silver Buck would be rerouted from Ascot to Wincanton tomorrow for the John Bull Chase. "Not only has he got to give over a stone to Torreon, Silver Buck would now have to carry 12st as the weights have been raised."

Jimmy Fitzgerald confirmed that Canny Danny, the conqueror of Bregawn at Haydock last Saturday would be sent to Newcastle for the Pintail Chase prior to tackling Barrier Reef, one of the most promising novices in the country last season, was another horse to find his best form when handing out a decisive beating to Kudos and Galway Blaze in the Keswick Handicap Chase. Ridden by Robert Earnshaw, the seven year old went clear approaching the last fence to win by six lengths.

"That's the first time anyone has ridden Barrier Reef in a race except for me," Thomas Tate, the winning trainer, said. "I booked Robert before the weights were raised and it wouldn't have been fair to have taken him off at the last moment."

Tate then said that Barrier Reef had lost his confidence after falling against Branding Iron in the West of Scotland Pattern Chase at Ayr last season. "The horse frightened himself and I am now going to restore his confidence in further small races.

"This horse will one day be in the Silver Buck class, make no mistake about that. And I should know because I have won races on both Silver Buck and Bregawn." Mr Tate is of course Michael [illegible] brother-in-law.

Mick Easterby was [illegible] with cause to celebrate [illegible] Colleen had given th[illegible] treble by beating Rig[illegible] eight lengths in the [illegible] Novices Hurdle. Easte[illegible] two winners were M[illegible] Leicester and B and [illegible] who just got the better [illegible] Secret in a thrilling fi[illegible] Collingham Novices C[illegible] been a great day." sai[illegible] "I've had a £200 treble [illegible] horses and it's won me £[illegible]

Another trainer who [illegible] having had a touch ove[illegible] was Don Eddy, after Ru[illegible] had won the Easthorpe [illegible] Norton Grove Studs [illegible] Hurdle. Last season at [illegible] Newcastle jeweller net[illegible] £12,000 after his mare ha[illegible] amateur riders flat race.

"I did not have nearly a[illegible] this time," Eddy said. [illegible] have been giving troub[illegible] [illegible]even sure whether Run In [illegible]as fit to run."

[illegible]also this afternoon Michael [illegible]on can land a treble – which [illegible] be much shorter price than [illegible]'s – with Browne's Gazette, [illegible]zi and Hopeful Saint. [illegible]'s Gazette has twice won in [illegible] style at Wetherby and [illegible] for his owner rider [illegible] Browne, and is sure to start [illegible] on in the Haig Whisky [illegible] Qualifier.

[illegible]ebelle, trained by Richard [illegible] landed the gamble of the [illegible] at Taunton yesterday, [illegible] being 10lb out of the [illegible]p in the Tote Hurdle. [illegible] from 7-1 to 4-1, she was [illegible]ut of the first two, and led [illegible] throughout the final circuit [illegible] Spark off by a length. Peter [illegible] a rising star among young [illegible]ckeys, landed a 25-1 double [illegible]ejo and Woodlands Lad to [illegible] seasonal score to 14.

[illegible] GOING: TOMORROW: Wincanton: [illegible]thwell, soft

'Tot-up' system ended for jockeys

By Michael Seely

The automatic "totting up" of penalties for riding offences will be discontinued from January 16. The disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club have agreed that totting up has resulted in unfair penalities in certain instances, and local stewards are to be given greater flexibility when deciding upon the level of penalties to be imposed for careless or improper riding.

This is one of the major changes approved by the stewards of the Jockey Club after discussions between the disciplinary committee, the Jockey Association and the Horseracing Advisory Council.

When dealing with such cases the most significant factor to be considered by local stewards will be the actual offences, the seriousness of which will be reflected by the level of penalty imposed. This will mean that penalities for a second or third offence need not necessarily be more than for a previous offence, and may be less, although a jockey's riding record may still be taken into account, particularly if he has committed another riding offence within a relatively short period.

The HAC, while accepting that the penalties for reckless riding should be more severe than that for careless or improper riding were concerned that any suspension of more than 14 days would have a serious effect on a rider's earnings. The Stewards of the Jockey Club considered that it was desirable that such cases should be referred to the disciplinary committee for consideration, and have recommended this course of action to local stewards, except in cases of a first offence by an apprentice or conditional jockey which may still be dealt with on the racecourse.

The disciplinary committee also considered it unfair that those jockeys who ride most frequently should receive greater penalties for identical offences than other jockeys. The "senior" and "mid range" categories of riders have therefore been dropped and all jockeys will now be treated equally, with the exception of apprentice or conditional jockeys for whom lower levels of penalties are still recommended.

The Jockey Club's action has followed the mounting concern amongst most of the profession during the 1983 Flat racing season when there were 39 cases of careless and reckess riding involving a total of 233 days' suspension.

Plumpton

Going: Soft

1.30 CROWBOROUGH HURDLE (Div I: novices: £548: 2m) (13 runners)

1 00-21 CHURCHES GREEN (C) (S Tindall) S Mellor 5-11-8 ... A Webber
2 21-0p00 BARTRA (F Hill) A Moore 6-11-3 ... G Moore
3 0 GOLDEN ROOTS (D Tucker) D Tucker 5-11-3 ... B Powell 7
4 00-30 MIDDLIN THRANG (J Ashley) Rex Carter 6-11-3 ... P Barton
5 p STEEL PASS (M Usher) M Usher 6-11-3 ... C Brown
8 0 LYMINSTER (D Wickins) J Jenkins 4-10-5 ... J Francome
9 u0f0 MAURMAX (A Sims) Pat Mitchell 4-10-5 ... R Goldstein
10 0f2 MONS LAD (H O'Neill) H O'Neil 4-10-5 ... –
11 p0430 NESTOR MAN (B) (Mrs J Marks) Miss P O Connor 4-10-5 ... D Hyde 4
12 2 QUITE A NIGHT (G Radmore) D Oughton 4-10-5 ... H Davies
13 SHANOUSKA (F J Hyde & Sons Ltd) C Benstead 4-10-5 ... –
16 402020 TOUGH CUSTOMER (Chingford Organ) H Westbrook 4-10-5 ... –
17 p YUKON LAD (A Taylor) A Taylor 4-10-5 ... –

11-10 Churches Green, 5-2 Quite A Night, 11-2 Lyminster, 10 Middlin Thrang, 16 Tough Customer, Nestor Man, 20 others

2.0 PEVENSEY CHASE (Novices: £1,225: 2m 3f 90yd) (8)

3 1100-00 DAY AFTER (A Sheldrake) S Mellor 8-11-3 ... A Webber
5 00fp0-3 DOUBLE PAST (Mrs P Mitford-Slade) T Forster 7-11-3 ... H Davies
6 0030/p- ENGLISH KING (A Gardiner-Hill) H O'Neill 7-11-3 ... –
8 0-22pff LANDAS SLAVE (B) (S Laneway) H O'Neill 8-11-3 ... –
9 20030-2 MORTON THE HATTER (F Hill) A Moore 8-11-3 ... G Moore
10 f00-044 MOSSY MOORE (B Chinn) B Chinn 8-11-3 ... J Goodwin 7
11 40p0-0f SPANISH STREAK (Mrs M Ewbank) J Fox 7-11-3 ... S Moore 7
13 10p-0f4 WILLETTS FARM BOY (Mrs S Rowe) P Haynes 6-11-3 ... J Lovejoy 4

11-8 Morton The Hatter, 3 Double Past, 5 Willetts Farm Boy, Day After, 12 Mossy Moore, 16 Landas Slave, 25 others

2.30 PORTSLADE CHASE (Handicap: £2,026: 3m 1f) (8)

1 f21204- DON'T TOUCH (R Short) J Jenkins 10-11-10 ... J Francome
3 100-002 ROMAN BISTRO (CD) (D Martin-Betts) J Gifford 8-11-1 ... P Double
4 10421-p TOWN COUNSELLOR (CD) (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 11-10-6 ... –
5 421414 ROUND THE TWIST (CD) (A Ross) D Oughton 8-10-3 ... H Davies
6 p/12f21 VIEWED AWAY (CD) (Mrs L Clay) T Clay 9-10-2 (9 ex) ... –
8 30-2000 BALLYSPILLANE (M Bradstock) F Walwyn 10-10-0 ... Mr M Bradstock 7
9 0p0p-00 POLAR EXPRESS (B) (T King) W King 9-10-0 ... –
12 300000 POOR EXCUSE (O Henley) O Henley 9-10-0 ... W Worthington 7

2 Roman Bistro, 11-4 Viewed Away, 9-2 Don't Touch, 8 Round The Twist, 10 Town Counsellor, Ballyspillane, 20 Polar Express, Poor Excuse.

3.0 WIVELSFIELD HURDLE (Selling: £806: 2m) (20)

1 0f10p- ARCTIC BATTLE (J Clark) J Clark 8-11-7 ... A Webb
2 ff3-400 BROGUE (K Higson) A Moore 8-11-7 ... J Akehurst 4
3 f-200u3 CHOCOLATE IMP (M Tucker) D Tucker 11-11-7 ... Lorna Vincent
5 00p/pp0 ERNIE'S KEEP (G Carlotti) G Ripley 9-11-7 ... R Rowell
6 00010-3 GOLDORATION (CD) (Mrs M Padfield) H O'Neill 9-11-7 ... –
7 0-pp021 GREATEST HITS (CD) (B) (R White) J Jenkins 7-11-7 ... J Francome
8 00/4240 KESWICK (B) (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 9-11-7 ... P Scudamore
9 /0000-0 LINTON (Mrs S Threlfall) B Stevens 10-11-7 ... C Brown
10 000010 LITTLE LONDON (M Smith) M Smith 5-11-7 ... Mr T Grantham 7
15 00000-0 RAVENSBOURN[illegible] 11-11-7 ... –
17 11p000 SCOT BENNETT[illegible] 5-11-7 ... P Upson
18 004000 THE DOWNS (A F[illegible] ... G Old
19 40p10p/ TOCHARA (CD)[illegible]-7 ... G Moore
20 p0p400 TUDOR BOB (A A[illegible] ... –
21 00100-0 TUTHILL BOND [illegible] 7-11-7 ... –
22 300-400 WISE MAN (K Wi[illegible] ... Miss S James 7
24 00p-000 FRIESLAND LASS[illegible] ... –
25 2-0 MAIDA VALE (J W[illegible] 11-2 ... W Smith
29 0 AQABA PRINCE ([illegible] ... M Furlong
30 p BRENDAN'S CHO[illegible] A Davison 4-10-9 ... R Goldstein

6-4 Goldoration, 7-2 Keswick, [illegible] Chocolate Imp 10 Linton 14 Scot Bennett, 15 others

3.30 COOKSBRIDGE CHAS[illegible]**teurs: £1,623: 2m 3f 90yd)** (10)

3 121f-fu PITHAM (CD) (Dr [illegible] 10-11-7 ... –
4 0dup4/0 KATMANDU (R Oak[illegible]s 11-11-3 ... S Sherwood
6 130421 BASH STREET KID [illegible] D Oughton 9-10-12 ... J Wilson
7 112-042 GOLDEN TRIX (B Ch[illegible] ... –
8 24f12-1 MOONSHOT (C Mac[illegible]-7 (4 ex) ... T Thomson Jones
9 320p00 PROSPER YOU CAN[illegible]-10-7 ... –
10 u4p10-0 TIGHT SCHEDULE [illegible]-10-7 ... Miss D Key 7
11 12-0030 DAVID'S FOLLY (C[illegible] Miss P Barnes 11-10-7 ... –
12 3004f-0 ROCKBARTON (CD[illegible]9-10-7 ... Miss C Moore 7
13 fpp00p/ HUMMERBECK (K W[illegible]10-7 ... T Bomford 7

15-8 Moonshot, 5-2 Bash Street K[illegible] Pitham 10 David's Folly, 12 others.

4.0 CROWBOROUGH HURDL[illegible]**s: £548: 2m) (18)**

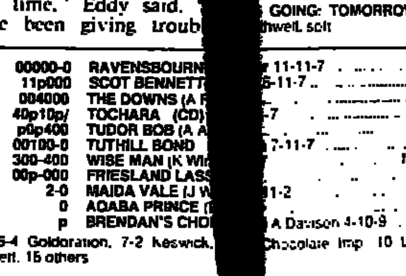
1 00 ARMATRIST (N Whee[illegible] ... –
2 fr BIDDABLE (H Wheelw[illegible]11-3 ... P Croucher 7
3 00p0-00 BREEZE HILL (D Bar[illegible] ... J Akehurst 4
4 2020-00 CAWARRA LAD (Mrs [illegible]11-3 ... A Webber
5 0 CHEUNG SING (E Wa[illegible] ... –
6 24-0443 EUROLINK BOY (Euro[illegible] 5-11-3 ... G Moore
8 041 GOLDEN MINSTREL ([illegible]-3 ... –
12 JUNIOR TRUSTEE (A [illegible] ... G Old
13 00-422 LOYAL SUPPORTER ([illegible] Davison 5-11-3 ... –
14 04 MAWAL (B) (J Ratch[illegible] ... M Bowlby 7
16 SPEEDY PONY (Mrs L[illegible] ... R Rowell
19 00-upuf TUDOR SQUIRE (D Tu[illegible]-3 ... Lorna Vincent
21 010 LUCKY KNIGHT (D Hu[illegible]-3 ... R Campbell 4
22 FULVIO (Miss W Redm[illegible]0 ... J Francome
23 01 GALLANT BUCK (D) [illegible] ... DOUBTFUL
24 00 HENRY GEARY STEEL[illegible]-10-10 ... G McCourt
25 0 WATERHEAD (J Galva[illegible]on 4-10-5 ... H Davies
26 SHIRLSTAR MISS (Mrs[illegible]0-0 ... Miss M Hoad 7

7-4 Lucky Knight, 3 Loyal Supporter[illegible], 11-2 Fulvio 13-2 Eurolink Boy, 10 others

Plump[illegible]**ons**

By C[illegible]

1.30 Quite A Night. 2.0 Double [illegible]an Bistro. 3.0 Maida Vale. 3.30 Moonshot. 4.0 Fulvio.



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GOING: good to soft

12.45 GRANTSHOUSE HURDLE (handicap: conditional jockeys: £601: 2m) (12 runners)

1 000/3-4 NEWGATE (D) (Mrs L Russell) A Scott 11-11-11 ... G Byrne
2 113021 RIVERS EDGE (D) (J Fry) Denys Smith 8-11-9 (6 ex) ... D Thompson
3 23p-090 COGRA MOSS (D) (D MacDonald) D MacDonald 7-11-2 ... A Cockburn
4 030332 ADAM CRAIG (B) (D) (Westwood Garages Ltd) M Naughton 6-11-1 ... C Bell
5 302f2/0 BORDER KNIGHT (Mrs L Fraser) J Haldane 9-10-13 ... K Jones
6 42300u CAMBORNE HILL (CD) (Exors of late Mrs A Ogilvy) C Bell 8-10-11 ... M Berry
8 100-000 ANOTHER WAGER (R Fisher) R Fisher 7-10-6 ... K Teelan
9 11-0330 MR McCANN (A Morgan) R Fisher 5-10-2 ... J Duggan
11 203002 LITTLE TEMPEST (CD) (A Olden) W Stephenson 5-10-0 ... J O'Gorman
15 0p0403- TARCHIN (J Lees) S Leadbetter 7-10-0 ... –
17 00-042p FALDOR (D) (J Mitchell) J Mitchell 7-10-0 ... D Johnston
18 0-0000f LEX KELLY (Denys Smith) Denys Smith 8-10-0 ... A Smith

11-4 Adam Craig, 7-2 Rivers Edge, 9-2 Newgate, 7 Mr McCann, 8 Little Tempest, 14 Camborne Hill, 16 Faldor, 20 others.

1.15 DUNS CHASE (handicap: Limited: £1,550: 2m 196yd) (5)

3 11211-2 LONDOLOZI (BF) (W Johnson) M W Dickinson 7-11-7 ... R Earnshaw
4 111232 BEAMWAM (BF) (J Clements) C Bell 6-11-5 ... P Tuck
5 013-010 DUSKY DUKE (CD) (Charlotte Lady Reay) W A Stephenson 9-10-11 (4 ex) ... R Lamb
8 4-p2p01 BELCRAIG (Ld Kilmany) Ld Kilmany 9-10-7 ... C Pimlott
9 f40f ANN'S HIGHLIGHT (B) (Lady Arbuthnot) Lady Arbuthnot 7-10-7 ... –

11-8 Beamwam, 7-4 Londolozi, 3 Dusky Duke, 14 Belcraig, 33 Ann's Highlight.

1.45 HAIG WHISKY HURDLE (novices: £1,182: 2m) (13)

1 11 BROWNE'SGAZETTE (D) (D Browne) M W Dickinson 6-11-10 ... Mr D Browne
2 200024 MR DENETOP (F Musgrave) F Musgrave 6-11-5 ... Mr P J Dun 7
4 304pu0 AIR SPACE (B) (J Elliott) J Parkes 5-11-0 ... K Milner
6 0030 AVON OAK (D MacDonald) D MacDonald 7-11-0 ... –
7 f0-00 BATTLEGROUND (J Jeffrey) J Jeffrey 6-11-0 ... Mr J Jeffery 7
8 00-u00 BEAU LYON (Miss A Smith) R Cross 6-11-0 ... D Wilkinson
9 HARTLEAP (J Haldane) J Haldane 5-11-0 ... J J O'Neill
10 0 MUCKLERIDGE (R Nixon) R Nixon 6-11-0 ... –
11 000 NORTHUMBRIA SPORT (B) (T Barnett) R Fisher 5-11-0 ... J J O'Neill
12 00 PONDA ROCK (Mrs M Lamb) D Lamb 5-11-0 ... R Lamb
13 40000 PRIDE OF TULLOW (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-11-0 ... K Jones 4
19 0- DYNDADEE (W Walton) Mrs A Hamilton 6-10-9 ... B Storey 4
22 00 SPARTANDO (Lady Arbuthnot) Lady Arbuthnot 6-10-9 ... –

1-3 Browne's Gazette, 6 Mr Denetop, 12 Air Space, 14 Avon Oak, Hartleap, 20 others.

2.15 STEWART WIGHT CHASE[illegible]**310: 3m) (10)**

2 00-00pb ANOTHER CAPTAIN (C[illegible] Scott 12-11-8 ... G Bradley
3 3312f0 ROSEWELL RIEVER (C[illegible] Monteith 11-11-7 ... D Nolan
4 0422pp LASOBANY (D) (J Cow[illegible] ... P Tuck
6 220 f43 THREE TO ONE (CD) ([illegible] Oliver 13-10-12 ... T G Dun
7 22231-1 LITTLE FRENCHMAN (C[illegible] Robson 11-10-12 (4 ex) ... C Pimlott
8 0-p1p3u TWIFLIGHT (CD) (BF) [illegible]nson 9-10-5 ... C Hawkins
11 003401 UNSCRUPULOUS JUDGE[illegible] A Stephenson 7-10-0 (4 ex) ... –
15 344240 RONAN-PAUL (B) (C B[illegible]1-10-0 ... A Brown
16 1/3p0p ROYAL SUNSET (D) (L[illegible]dy C Renwick 9-10-0 ... –
18 020p14/ REGAL ROOTS (J Walker[illegible]9-10-0 ... –

5-2 Little Frenchman, 7-2 Rosewell R[illegible]ulous Judge 7 Three To One, 10 Another Captain, Lasobany, 16 Twiflight, 20 [illegible]

2.45 DRYBURGH CHASE (novic[illegible]**(10)**

2 f132u4 TIERENEE (W A Stephens[illegible]on 5-11-13 ... R Lamb
3 00/00-0 ANOTHER SQUIRE (J Bart[illegible]3 ... G Bradley
4 00p0/0 ASH ROYAL (R McDonald)[illegible]-3 ... K Jones 4
6 0f-uppp BIRTLEY BOY (Mrs J Glede[illegible] ... –
11 343p3p GOLD CAMP (Lady Kilmany[illegible]n 8-11-3 ... C Pimlott
13 22111-f HOPEFUL SAINT (BF) (R[illegible]-3 ... R Earnshaw
14 0fp-000 JONATHAN'SCHOICE (D R[illegible]inson 6-11-3 ... Mr D Robertson
17 f2ff23 SAM WREKIN (R Thomson)[illegible]rtson 10-11-3 ... P Tuck
19 300p-42 SEA CAMPION (D) (Mrs J[illegible] ... –
23 42 SALEANDER (Mrs J Benson[illegible] Gledson 9-11-3 ... J J O'Neill

4-9 Hopeful Saint, 4 Sam Wrekin, 8 Salea[illegible] 8-10-12 ... –, 16 others

3.15 COLDSTREAM HURDLE (4-y[illegible]**£588: 2m) (12)**

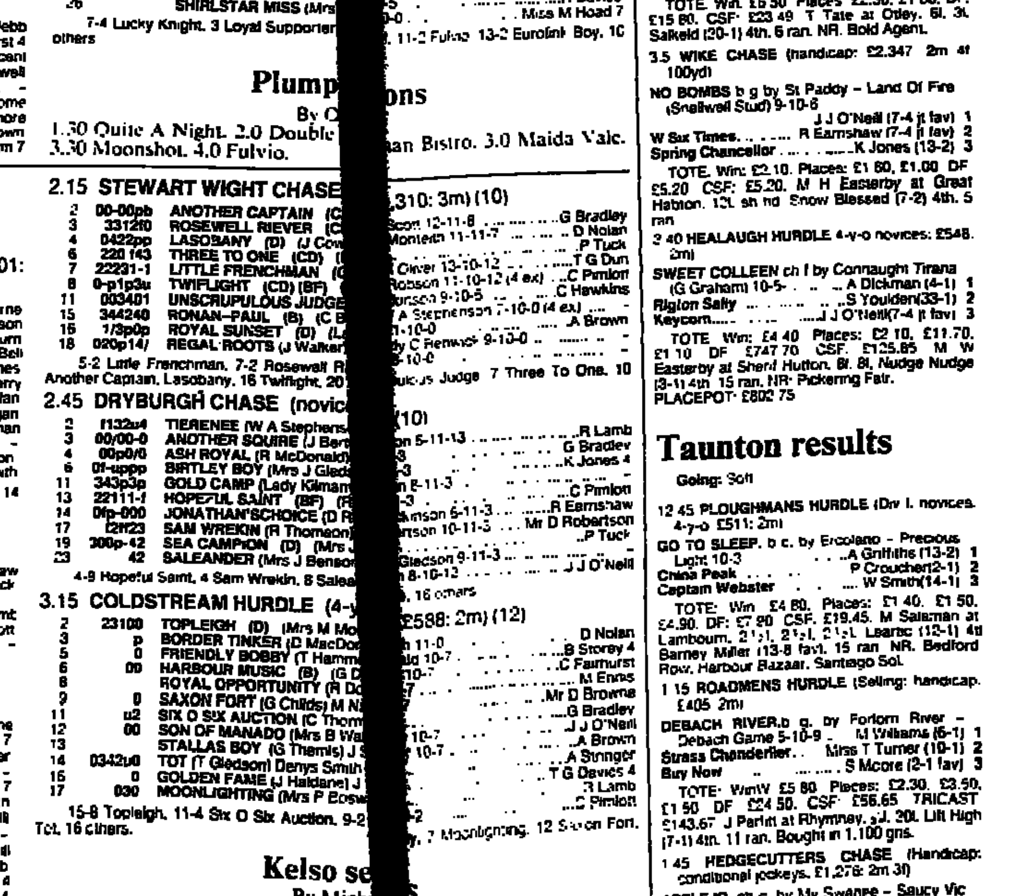
2 23100 TOPLEIGH (D) (Mrs M Mo[illegible]h 11-0 ... D Nolan
3 p BORDER TINKER (D MacDo[illegible]ald 10-7 ... B Storey 4
5 0 FRIENDLY BOBBY (T Hamm[illegible]10-7 ... C Fairhurst
6 00 HARBOUR MUSIC (B) (G D[illegible]-7 ... M Ennis
8 ROYAL OPPORTUNITY (R Do[illegible]7 ... Mr D Browne
9 0 SAXON FORT (G Childs) M N[illegible] ... G Bradley
11 u2 SIX O SIX AUCTION (C Thom[illegible] ... J J O'Neill
12 00 SON OF MANADO (Mrs B Wa[illegible] 10-7 ... A Brown
13 STALLAS BOY (G Themis) J S[illegible] 10-7 ... A Stringer
14 0342u0 TOT (T Gledson) Denys Smith [illegible] ... T G Davies 4
16 0 GOLDEN FAME (J Haldane) J [illegible] ... R Lamb
17 030 MOONLIGHTING (Mrs P Bosw[illegible] ... C Pimlott

15-8 Topleigh, 11-4 Six O Six Auction, 9-2[illegible]-2 [illegible]y, 7 Moonlighting, 12 Saxon Fort, Tot, 16 others.

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By Mich[illegible]

12.45 Rivers Edge. 1.15 Londolozi. [illegible]wne's Gazette. 2.15 Little Frenchman. 2.45 Hopeful Saint. 3.15 S[illegible] Auction



Leicester results

Going: Chases good, hurdles good to soft

12 15 WYMESWOLD CHASE (Div I: novices, £1,390: 2½m)

RUN AND SKIP b g by Deep Run – Skiporetta (J Chamberlain) 6-11-6 S Smith Eccles (9-2 fav) 1
Grey Mist ... P Scudamore (9-1) 2
Double Bass ... H Davies (7-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £5.90. Places: £1.90, £3.30, £4.10. DF: £61.90. CSF: £42.80. R Fisher at Ulverston. 1l, 20l. Play The Knave (6-1) 4th. 16 ran

12 45 LEICESTER HURDLE (handicap: £981: 3m)

KEVIN EVANS ch g by Super Slip – Court Moss (G Biggleston) 5-9-11 Mr M Pitman (7-2) 1
Imperium ... S Moreshead (6-1) 2
Do Or Die ... M Caswell (4-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £4.90. Places: £1.30, £2.00, £1.20. DF: £5 90. CSF: £22.17 Tricast: £70.02. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. 3l, 4l. Coxmoore Knitwear 11-4 fav. The Corinthian (6-1) 4th. 10 ran.

1 15 BRIAN INGAMELS SNOOKER CLUB HURDLE (novices: £1,439: 2m)

TALL TALE b g by Cartoug – Camp-An-Afreann (Mrs L Dresher) 6-11-0 G McCourt (100-30) 1
Salman ... J Francome (7-1) 2
Jeyess ... Mr M Pitman (14-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £5.60. Places: £2.30, £4.20, £6.10. DF: £19.30. CSF: £31.70. J Webber at Banbury. 1l, 8l. Hayakaze 3-1 fav. Charlemount (6-1) 4th. 19 ran. NR: Space Speaker.

1.45 BREEDON CHASE (Handicap: £1 362: 3m)

MR SNUGFIT b g by Jukebox – SinzinbraA Greenwood) 7-11-0 ... G Bradley (4-1) 1
Nickle Moppett ... G McCourt (8-1) 2
Captain Parkhill ... B de Haan (20-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £4.60. Places: £1.20, £3.10, £5.30. DF: £27.10. CSF: £33.38. Tricast: £511.88. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. 7l, 4l. Eggnog 3-1 fav. Greenbank Park (5-1) 4th. 10 ran.

WYMESWOLD CHASE (Div II: Novices: £1,383. 2½m)

NOON GUN b g Crash Course – Anngus (Ld Harrington) 6-11-11 ... N Madden (4-1) 1
Trust The King ... Mr J White (9-4 fav) 2
Cross Master ... Mr G Williams (14-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £4.50. Places: £1.60, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £11.30. CSF: £12.30. D Morley at Newmarket. ½l, 10l. Tom Tailor (11-1) 4th. 13 ran. NR: Whittington, Quarrier.

2.45 GROBY CHASE (Maidens: £1,019. 2m)

DAWN STREET br g by Review – Regent Street (J Candy) 6-11-8 ... G McCourt (5-1) 1
Jeddart Justice ... Mr D Williams (7-1) 2
Crack A Joke ... S Morshead (6-4 fav) 3

TOTE: Win. £4.80. Places: £1.70, £2.20, £1.20. DF: £8 90. CSF: £37.78. P Bailey at Salisbury. 4l, 8l. Pretty Tough 20-1 4th. 14 ran.

3 15 NOMAD HURDLE (4-y-o: novices. £1,581: 2m)

BE ON TIME b g. by Be My Guest – Deep Brook (L Sainer) 11-0 .. J Francome (13-2) 1
Heorah Henry ... P Scudamore (14-1) 2
Burennpour ... J Burke (6-4 fav) 3

TOTE: Win. £5.90. Places, £2 10, £4.60, £1.80. DF: £62.80. CSF: £84.37. F Winter at Lambourne. 3l, ¾l. Contester (9-1) 4th. 19 ran. NR: Nick Nick

PLACEPOT: £51.35.

Sweeps probables

There are two English challengers, Cima and The Foodbroker, among the 18 four-day declarations for the Irish Sweeps Hurdle to be run over two mils at Leopardstown on Saturday. The declarations are: Boreen Prince, Fane Ranger, Pinch Hitter, Miller Hill, Cima, Buck House, Fredcoteri, Drumgora, Gallant Royal, The Foodbroker, Street Angel, Arctic Conditions, Eddie Wee, Four Plus, Fay's Delight, Seskin Bridge, Enhancer, Top Pac.

[illegible]vis holds on [illegible]is voucher

[illegible]arvis did not hide his [illegible]ment after the defeat of [illegible] in the Nomad Novices' H[illegible]r at Leicester yesterday but he is [illegible]ing up his 100-1 ante-post v[illegible] for the Daily Express T[illegible] Hurdle. After his promis[illegible]in[illegible] to Santella King at C[illegible]d last week, the French im[illegible] last week, the French co[illegible]s 6-4 on favourite, but O[illegible]h only third behind Be On[illegible]

I'm [illegible] commented: "Obviously [illegible] disappointed over Burran[illegible]pour [illegible] have found it is often the case [illegible] horses that come from Fra[illegible] Ireland that they run well at fi[illegible] then lose their form and take [illegible] acclimatize."

F[illegible] Winter thought Be On Time did [illegible] the soft ground. "He's a nice [illegible] horse, but I don't think he's [illegible] enough for the Triumph".

Wetherby results

Going: good

1 0 TOCKWITH HURDLE (selling: handicap conditional jockeys £990: 2m)

EXCAVATOR LADY b m by Most Secret – Forgets Image (F Hines) 5-11-3 bl R Ballour (5-1) 1
Lark's Lady ... C McSharry (5-1) 2
Little Ginger ... S Youlden (13-2) 3

TOTE: Win £7.00. Places: £2.40, £3.10, £1.10. DF: £19.50. CSF: £29.22. TRICAST £148.28. Mrs M Nesbitt at Middleham. 1½l, 1½l. Golden Holly (16-1) 4th. Trocadero (7-2 fav) 12 ran. No bid

1 30 COLLINGHAM CHASE (novices £1,667: 2m 50yd)

B & K EMPEROR ro g by Young Emperor – Fiery Clare (B & K Motors Ltd) 7-11-4 Mr R Beggan (6-5 fav) 1
Thelmas Secret ... M Barnes (5-1) 2
Cornering ... A Brown (7-2) 3

TOTE: Win £2.20. Places: £1.30, £1.00, £1.30. DF: £4.00. CSF: £8.11. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Hd, 10l. Kelvinfrost (7-1) 4th. 10 ran

2.05 EASTHORPE HALL & NORTON GROVE STUDS HURDLE: (novice mares £1,066: 2m 4f)

RUN IN TUNE b m by Deep Run – Tuney (D Eddy) 5-10-7 ... C Pimlott (11-1) 1
Sweet Diana ... R Earnshaw (14-1) 2
Maggies Girl ... J Murphy (16-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £47.30. Places: £9.90, £4.50, £2.50. DF: £63.40. CSF: £153.63. D Eddy at Stocksfield. ½l, 5l. Crammond Brig (7-1) 4th. Lady Lawyer (11-4 fav). 15 ran

2.35 KESWICK CHASES handicap £2,632: 3m 100yd

BARRIER REEF b g by Choral Society – Shifting Jungle (Mrs T Tate) 7-11-7 R Earnshaw (5-1) 1
Kudos ... D Dutton (4-2) 2
Galway Blaze ... R O'Leary (10-11 fav) 3

TOTE: Win £6.50. Places £2.30, £1.30. DF: £15.80. CSF: £23.49. T Tate at Otley. 6l, 3l. Salkeld (20-1) 4th. 6 ran. NR: Bold Agent.

3.5 WIKE CHASE (handicap: £2,347: 2m 4f 100yd)

NO BOMBS b g by St Paddy – Land Of Fire (Snailwell Stud) 9-10-6 J J O'Neill (7-4 jt fav) 1
W Six Times ... R Earnshaw (7-4 jt fav) 2
Spring Chancellor ... K Jones (13-2) 3

TOTE: Win: £2.10. Places: £1.60, £1.00. DF: £5.20. CSF: £5.20. M H Easterby at Great Habton. 12l, sh hd. Snow Blessed (7-2) 4th. 5 ran

2 40 HEALAUGH HURDLE 4-y-o novices: £548: 2m)

SWEET COLLEEN ch f by Connaught Tirana (G Graham) 10-5 ... A Dickman (4-1) 1
Rigton Sally ... S Youlden (33-1) 2
Keycorn ... J J O'Neill (7-4 jt fav) 3

TOTE: Win £4.40. Places: £2.10, £11.70, £1.10. DF: £747.70. CSF: £125.85. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. 8l, 8l. Nudge Nudge (3-1) 4th. 15 ran. NR: Pickering Fair.

PLACEPOT: £802.75

Taunton results

Going: Soft

12 45 PLOUGHMANS HURDLE (Div I, novices, 4-y-o £511: 2m)

GO TO SLEEP, b c, by Ercolano – Precious Light 10-3 ... A Griffiths (13-2) 1
China Peak ... P Croucher (2-1) 2
Captain Webster ... W Smith (14-1) 3

TOTE: Win £4.80. Places: £1.40, £1.50, £4.90. DF: £7.20. CSF: £19.45. M Salaman at Lambourn. 2½l, 2½l, 2½l. Learic (12-1) 4th. Barney Miller (13-8 fav). 15 ran. NR: Bedford Row, Harbour Bazaar, Santiago Sol.

1 15 ROADMENS HURDLE (Selling: handicap: £405: 2m)

DEBACH RIVER, b g, by Forlorn River – Debach Game 5-10-9 ... M Williams (6-1) 1
Strass Chandellier ... Miss T Turner (10-1) 2
Buy Now ... S Moore (2-1 fav) 3

TOTE: Win £5.80. Places: £2.30, £3.50, £1.50. DF: £24.50. CSF: £56.65. TRICAST £143.67. J Perrin at Rhymney. ¾l, 20l. Lilt High (7-1) 4th. 11 ran. Bought in 1,100 gns.

1 45 HEDGECUTTERS CHASE (Handicap: conditional jockeys, £1,276: 2m 3f)

APPLEJO, ch g, by My Swanee – Saucy Vic 8-11-3 ... P Dever (9-4 jt-fav) 1
Crowning Moment ... R Arnott (9-4 jt-fav) 2
Manston Marauder ... S Moore (12-1) 3

TOTE: Win £3.90. Places: £2.00, £1.20, £1.10. DF: £6.00. CSF: £7.74. TRICAST: £42.05. B Chinn at Bristol. 1½l, 4l. Ledbury Lad (13-2) 4th. 11 ran. NR: Nomadic Star

2.15 TOTE HURDLE (handicap: £1,434: 3m 1f)

CAMEBELLE b m by Crozier – Mavbelle 6-9-7 B Powell (4-1) 1
Spark Off ... J Williams (14-1) 2
Rigton Beau ... P Croucher (9-2) 3

TOTE: Win £6.10. Places: £1.50, £4.30, £2.00. £7.20. DF: £30.70. CSF: £59.42. Tricast: £249.12. N Mitchell at Sherbourne. 1l, 2l. Swift Encounter (25-1) 4th. Sunshine Gal (11-4 fav) 17 ran

2 45 NORTON FITZWARREN CHASE (handicap, £1,744: 3m 1f)

WOODLANDS LAD ch g by Jimmy Reppin – Prelea 9-10-0 ... P Dever (7-1) 1
Lord Leighton ... C Brown (11-2) 2
Mint Streak ... P Stone (5-1) 3

TOTE: Win £7.20. Places: £2.80, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £30.80. CSF: £45.17. Tricast: £198.58. P Pritchard at Shipston-on-Stour. Nk, 10l. Pucka Fella (10-1) 4th. Armagnac Princess and Virgin Soldier 4-1 jt favs. 13 ran.

3 15 PLOUGHMANS HURDLE (Div II, 4-y-o novices: £503: 2m)

SON OF A GUNNER ch g by Gunner B – Swakara 11-3 ... J Nolan (8-11 fav) 1
Up The Ante ... P Croucher (8-1) 2
Chalkies Pet ... R Hyett (7-1) 3

TOTE: Win £1.80. Places: £1.30, £2.10, £1.60. DF: £5.40. CSF: £7.66. S Mellor at Lambourn. 15l, 12l. Hooler (25-1) 4th. 14 ran.

PLACEPOT: £9.05.

ATHLETICS

How the other half lives: Cram breakfasting on b… champagne yesterday (Photograph: Harry …

Cram is a mo… equal champi… than Parson…

By Pat Butcher

The disparate worlds of Steve Cram and Geoff Parsons – both British No 1s in their event – were no better exemplified than by their meetings with the press yesterday morning. A relaxed Cram invited the media to a champagne breakfast in a luxury hotel at Heathrow to announce the backing of a new sponsor, Rank Xerox. A disgruntled Parsons literally bumped into your correspondent in the midday gloom of central London and started railing about his lack of finance, particularly any Sports Aid Foundation grant.

Cram was en route to Australia and New Zealand, but his projected six-week training tour could be cut short if the tendonitis he has in both knees does not respond to treatment. The world 1500 metres champion developed the inflammations just before Christmas, when his training had built up to about 90 miles a week, but he left for a honeymoon in Florida on Boxing Day and could not get any treatment for the 10 days that he was in the United States.

The right knee has alread responded to treatment since he returned to Britain last Saturday, but, having missed two weeks training, he has cancelled his first race im Melbourne this weekend. Cram now hopes to be able to compete in Sydney on January 22 before going on to New Zealand with David Moorcroft, Allan Wells and the other members of the small British touring team. But if the injury persists, Cr… would come home… tour ends on Februa…

Cram had consid… ling the trip, but… honour his commi… thouth he said: "If… way. I wouldn't be r… The whole point of… do my winter traini… weather, and you… race at the same ti… the memory of a rap… form after 10 week… last year is little c… "People will laugh… "He'll be all right"," h…

What should certa… right is the balance… trust fund. Being the… world at a popular ev… 1500 metres brings th… flocking to Cram, a… (and the continue… Sebastian Coe and S… But the move tow… fessionalism is athlet… such immediate l… everyone in the sport…

Parsons, aged 18, … the brightest high j… pects in this country… years. He set a natio… of 2.25 metres last ye… was one centimetre… world championship… mark, set by th… Amateur Athletic B… could still have tak… Helsinki, but chose t… the invaluable experi…

Parsons was dissu… taking up offers of a s… at several American u… and opted to study e… at Imperial College i… But then, although… metres *is* an Olympic… mark, he was omitte… list of British team… that was forwarde… Sports Aid Foundati… the autumn in appli… minimum grants of £…

Although the SAF… *his name* on a new lis… BAAB, to be consider… next grant meeting l… end of the month. Pa… yesterday: "I'll believe… see it in my hand". H… his way to see his bank… to try to extend an ov… that he could get to Co… weekend for the AA… championships. But… has produced the righ… "What will the excuse… do 2.28 on Saturday?… If he jumps that heig… cannot be any excuse.

Walker a mile ahead

Nelson, New Zealand (Reuter) – John Walker of New Zealand held off Mike Boit of Kenya last night to win the last of three one-mile races and take the series overall.

Walker's win on the course along the main street of Nelson, in a time of 3 minutes 50.5 seconds, followed his victory in the first race in Mount Maunganui and second place behind Mike Hillardt of Australia on Paraparaumu beach.

Boit was timed at 3:54.3 over the Nelson course, which was *uphill* over the last 300 yards.

TABLE TENNIS

Prean is dropped fo… match with Yugoslav…

By a Special Correspondent

Carl Prean, aged 16, the former England No 1 whose promising career has been adversely affected by rule changes on bat rubbers and on service, is left out of the important European Superleague match against Yugoslavia, the champions and league leaders, at Mansfield tonight.

Graham Sandley, the left-handed England No 4, who encouragingly won one of his singles in the creditable 4-3 away defeat by Czechoslovakia last *month*, is almost certain to contiune in the second singles place. Desmond Douglas, another left-hander, who recently regained the No 1 ranking from Prean, will occupy the first.

Douglas's continued outstanding ability – he is regarded as the equal of anyone over the shorter best-of-three games format of the European league – gives England reasonable hope of a big win over the team that is going for a hat-trick of titles.

If those hopes are realized it will ensure England, two places from the bottom and with only o… four attempts, against… worries in their last two m…

Douglas has beaten i… both the Yugoslav singl… Zoran Kalinic and Miliv… sevic, both of whom are… ers, even though Ka… another left-hander, is o… most improved players i… and is ranked two places… English national cha… European No 4.

England's other nation… pion, Karen Witt, has al… her counterpart, Branka… before, and the outcom… match could depend on… doubles encounters, i… England's record is variabl…

Douglas will probably… the experimental partners… handers with Sandley… possibly also play four of… sets by pairing with Miss W… mixed. Douglas, as usual,… a heavy burden to bear for…

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

FA Cup (7.30 unless stated)

Third round replays
Norwich City v Aston Villa
Oxford United v Burnley
Tottenham Hotspur v Fulham (8.0)
West Brom Albion v Rotherham United

Scottish FA Cup, second round replay
Stirling Albion v Arbroath

WELSH FA CUP: Cwmbran v Hereford
CENTRAL LEAGUE, First division: Aston Villa v Derby, Blackburn v Sheffield Wednesday, Bolton v Liverpool, Notm Forest v Manchester United Sheffield United v Stoke, Sunderland v Burnley.
Second division: Barnsley v Middlesbrough, Port Vale v Huddersfield.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton v Leicester (2.0), Reading v Oxford United.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE, First division: Feltham v Wembley. Second division: Molesey v Southall.
MIDWEEK LEAGUE CUP (2.0): Peterborough v Cambridge, Portsmouth v Northampton.
LONDON FA YOUTH CUP: Barking v Welling Utd.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH (4 1…: Amateur League v Old Boys League (…, Stadium, 4.15).
OTHER MATCH: Combined … v Aldershot Town (Military Stadium, …).

RUGBY UNION

Hampshire v The Army (at B…); Metropolitan Police v Royal Navy (…); Service (at Chiswick), British Po… Civil … School Wanderers (Metropolit… Public … Bushey, 2.30), St Mary's Hospital … Police, London Institute, Surrey University … West … University (2.30). … Brunel

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Featherstone … v Wigan.

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES (…): … bridge University v East XI (at Cam…); Oxford University v Royal Navy.

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Lada Classic (Warring… 7.0).
BASKETBALL: European Cup W… quarter-final pool: Solent Stars … Cup, Zagreb (8.0); National League, … Cibona Doncaster v Warrington (7.15). … division: Giants v Bolton (7.30). … chester

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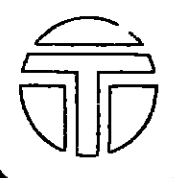
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With the International Boat Show at Earl's Court well under way, the fancy of a man who likes messing about in boats might well turn to buying a home with immediate or near access to water.

There appears to be a continuing demand for such properties and the estate agents, Jackson and Jackson of Lymington, Hampshire, back up this view. Mr Paul Jackson says there has been a noticeable increase in demand recently for properties overlooking or close to the waterfront, particularly in Lymington, Christchurch and Beaulieu.

An indication of the demand is that the firm recently sold Dock House at Beaulieu, a country house with a fine site on the Beaulieu river, for its asking price of £250,000 as soon as it came on the market. Dock House, with its eight acres of grounds and 600 feet of water frontage encompassing a slipway for a 12-ton yacht, has accommodation which includes five bedrooms and a self-contained wing, and was clearly a property of the type "much sought after" in estate agents' language.

The sale of Dock House is an example of what Mr Jackson considers the main reason for the strengthening interest in waterside properties, particularly at the more expensive end of the range. "There is a feeling that we are coming out of the recession. Businessmen for the last two or three years have been waiting, not knowing how their businesses would go. Now quite a mumber are coming forward to invest in properties of this kind, having come through the worst of the recession."

Mr Jackson does not believe that increasing leisure time has anything to do with the growing demand. "The people who want these properties tend to be very busy and are buying as much for the future as for now. But there are also people who are moving into the area because of their work and are interested in sailing. With the ending of the recession they are more confident to spend a bit more money on a house near water."

There is without doubt a premium for living by water, which can add an extra £20,000 to £25,000 to the cost of a house, particularly if it is on a pretty river but there seem to be no great disadvantages. There is no more chance that a waterside house will suffer from damp than a house well away from water, and the likelihood of flooding is also very remote.

Certainly the people who buy properties near water happily take the risk of occasional flooding, and the insurance companies do not penalize them for that risk.

If Dock House was an exceptional property, Jackson and Jackson have a couple more which are near a normal person's aspirations. Beckley Cottage in Bath Road at Lymington, overlooking the Lymington river, has been extensively restored in the last two years. It has five bedrooms and two bathrooms and among the reception rooms the drawing room on the first floor has a balcony which enhances the outlook. Lacking the large acreage that buyers for this sort of house usually want, it has an easily maintained landscaped garden and is on offer at £87,500.

The same firm is offering a three-storey end-of-terrace residence at Mudeford, near Christchurch, for £69,950. It forms part of a harbourside development which has its own communal dinghy park and slipway, making it suitable for either a holiday residence or a permanent home, and has three bedrooms, a bathroom, breakfast room, and sitting room/dining room with patio doors to a balcony.

Jackson-Stops and Staff is another firm with many waterside properties on its books, and it shows that they are not all on the south coast. Its Chester office says that houses with river frontage in Chester rarely come on to the market and is therefore quite excited about Moorings, Sandy Lane, Chester, about 1½ miles from the city centre, which is on offer at about £110,000. The Edwardian house overlooking the River Dee has been completely renovated in the last five years, has seven bedrooms, four bathrooms, a 22 foot drawing room and a self-contained granny suite.

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The same office offers Old Cymyran, on the inland sea on the Isle of Anglesey, on a private 2⅔-acre headland, for around £87,500. The property was completely renovated in 1967, has accommodation which includes seven bedrooms, two bathrooms, and direct frontage to sandy beaches ideal for swimming and dinghy sailing.

To the south again, where Jackson Stops and Staff's Chichester office are offering for sale Harbour House in the sailing village of Itchenor, with its internationally famous sailing club, for about £250,000. The firm claims to deal with three or four properties with water frontage each year, and this is the first one in 1984. They regard it as a "peach", not surprising in view of the cost, built in 1935 and overlooking the harbour across to Bosham Hoe and the South Downs beyond. It has a private jetty leading into a deep water channel.

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6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News with Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; sport at 6.40 and 8.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; a preview of the day's television at 6.55; a review of the day's newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18; Mike Smith's pop news between 7.45 and 8.00; Esther Rantzen's That's Life file between 7.30 and 7.45 with a follow-up 'phone-in between 8.30 and 9.00; and horoscopes at 8.35.

9.00 Mind How You Go. Road safety hints from Jimmy Savile (r). 9.10 Animal Marvels. Tony Soper explains how birds can fly (r). 9.35 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School, presented by Stuart McGugan (r). 10.55 Gharbar. Magazine programme of interest to Asian women. The programme includes a discussion on ante-natal care between Surinder Kocher and Farida Abidi. 11.20 Ceefax.

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Bill Giles. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes another lesson from the cooking canon from Carlisle, the Rev John Eley. 1.45 Bod (r).

2.00 Pied Piper. A music and drama version of Robert Browning's poem, by the children of Broom Leys School, Coalville. 2.30 Film: Those Endearing Young Charms* (1945) starring Robert Young as a young man whose childhood sweetheart is swept off her feet by a "wolf". Directed by Lewis Allen. 3.48 Regional news (not London).

3.50 The Amazing Adventures of Morph (r) 3.55 Play School, presented by Chris Tranchell 4.20 Heathcliff. Animated adventures of a marmalade cat 4.25 Jackanory 4.35 Grandad starring Clive Dunn 5.00 John Craven's Newsround 5.10 Think of a Number. Lighthearted science with Johnny Ball.

5.40 Sixty Minutes includes the national news from Richard Whitmore at 5.40.

6.40 Harty. With Russell at the Greenwood Theatre, London, are John Hanson and David Bellamy.

7.05 Cliff! Highlights from the popular singer's last series.

8.05 Cockles. Part two of the comedy series set in a seen-better-times holiday resort on the coast which tonight sees the arrival of 20 coach loads of trippers, diverted from a neighbouring resort because of a grounded oil-tanker.

9.00 News from John Humphrys.

9.25 Whicker's World. Mr Whicker continues his Pacific cruise on the Queen Elizabeth 2 and meets a Mexican multi-millionaire and his family as well as the below stairs staff who cater to the every whim of the passengers. He also gets a glimpse of the ship's vast larders.

10.30 Sportsnight introduced by Harry Carpenter. Football and Skating are featured tonight with highlights from one of the evening's FA Cup third round replay matches and coverage of the free skating programme of the European Skating Championships from Budapest.

11.38 News headlines.

11.40 Phil Silvers* as Sergeant Bilko, the only man in the camp not to be afflicted by Gamblers Anonymous. Can he save his men from the dreadful malady? (r)

12.05 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by John Stapleton and Rick Owen. News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.33; Wincey's Pets at 6.40 and 9.03; excercises at 6.50 and 9.15; the days' odd anniversaries at 7.05 and 8.05; John Stapleton with guest in the Spotlight at 7.20; cartoon at 7.25; Pat Phoenix's Week at 7.40 and 8.45; pop video at 7.55; Dickie Henderson's Magic Moments at 8.10;Eva Pollard's gossip column at 8.35; and tips from Pat Phoenix at 9.12.

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9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Sesame Street. 10.25 Hercules the Wrestling Bear. The story of the career of Hercules, an eight foot, 14 stone bear, that became a wrestler (r). 11.15 Science International. A brief glimpse of the latest developments in the world of science. 11.20 Wild, Wild World of Animals. The life of the dingo, a species of Australian wild dog that still thrives despite man's attempts to stop it breeding. 11.45 The Little Rascals* have Birthday Blues.

12.00 Flicks. For the very young, presented by Christopher Lillicrap. 12.10 Sounds Like a Story. Mark Wynter with the tale of Budulinek. 12.30 Three Little Words. A new series of the word game presented by Ray Alan and Barbie.

1.00 News with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 A Plus. Lady Longford is interviewed at her home by Gill Nevill. 2.00 Crown Court. Continuing the case of the former employer accused of arson at his old factory.

2.30 Snooker. The Lada Classic 1984. From the Spectrum Arena, Warrington, Dickie Davies introduces coverage of the game between Kirk Stevens and Murdo MacLeod. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. Australian made drama serial.

4.00 Flicks. A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.15 Batfink; 4.20 Luna. Part two of the science fiction adventure (r). 4.50 Razzamatazz. Fun and games and pop music presented by Alastair Pirrie and Vikki Benson. 5.15 Family Trees. Geneaological series with Mike Smith.

5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of the British Diabetic Associaton.

6.35 Crossroads. Joe Macdonald looks a gift horse in the mouth.

7.00 Name that Tune. Musical quiz compared by Tom O'Connor.

7.30 Coronation Street. Fred Gee's ruse to get his car stolen is foiled by the ever-vigilant boys in blue.

8.00 This is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews activates the tear ducts of another unsuspecting victim.

8.30 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. The last programme in the comedy series starring Jim Davidson as the cockney lad learning the hard way the disadvantages of owning a house in South London.

9.00 Minder: Rocky Eight and a Half. A new series returns with Arthur driving a new car and Terry in a new 'gaff'. But nothing else has changed, thankfully. Arthur is still exploiting Terry while Terry accepts it more or less with equanimity. (See Choice).

10.00 News.

10.30 Snooker: The Lada Classic 1984. The final match of the round pits Alex Higgins against Liverpool's John Parrott.

12.15 Night Thoughts from Paul Boateng.



Ian Charleson as Lieutenant Dorfrichter: Channel 4, 9.00pm.

● Even those viewers with the benefit of television recording equipment will be hard-pushed tonight with the start of three excellent series, all over-lapping. THE DEVIL'S LIEUTENANT (Channel 4, 9.00pm) is a gripping two-part adaptation by Jack Rosenthal of Maria Faygas's novel, set in Vienna at the turn of the century, concerning the poisoning by cyanide of Captain Mader, a philandering officer of the General Staff Corps of the Austrian Army and the attempted murder of nine of his colleagues. The army's attempts to hush up the incidents are thwarted by the press and so a military judge advocate, Emil Kunze, is reluctantly appointed to investigate. Thus begins a simple murder inquiry that develops into a psychological battle of wills between Kunze, played with

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remarkably restrained anger by celebrated German actor, Helmut Griem, and the suspect, Lieutenant Dorfrichter, a sneering, provocative performance by Ian Charleson (Liddell in Chariots of Fire). Skilful direction by John Goldschmidt makes one impatient for tomorrow's final episode.

● Later, STRANGERS AND BROTHERS (BBC2, 9.25pm), a 13-part version of C. P. Snow's series of 11 novels written between 1940 and 1970, chronicles the career and private life of Lewis Eliot, an extraordinary acting feat by Shaughan Seymour who ages from young, struggling, barrister in 1927 to late middle-aged man, fearfully anticipating death. Tonight's episode concentrates on Eliot's

thwarted love-life with the daughter of a vicar, Sheila played with great sensitiv[ity by] Sheila Ruskin. Peter Sallis successfully trades his co[...] of Clegg for that of Leona[...] a Jewish businessman sh[...] his son Charles's altruism [...] wing friends. Among other[...] wordy but well-acted prod[...] Carmen du Sautoy as Ann [...] journalist member of the C[...] Party.

● By way of comic contra[st...] series of MINDER (ITV, 9p[m]) with Arthur still exploiting [...] soft-heartedness and naive[...] ceaseless search for wealt[h...] status. Tonight, Arthur arra[nges for] Terry to appear on a non-li[...] boxing promotion. If he win[s the] fight, Arthur assures Terry, [...] world will be your lobster"

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.

5.35 News summary.

5.40 Film: The Fighting Kentuckian* (1949) starring John Wayne as Kentucky rifleman John Breen who joins a group of French families exiled to Alabama after Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo. He falls for the daughter of one of the families and because of this leads them against a landowner who is out to steal their land. Directed by George Waggner.

7.15 Timewatch. Another in the history-with-hindsight programmes presented by John Tusa begins with a look at some new evidence that has come to light concerning the real reason for Kitchener's last mission in which he lost his life when the cruiser he was on, HMS Hampshire, was sunk en route for Russia. Other items include Lord Bullock talking about the formation of Nato, the beginnings of the cold war and how that war was ended; and an appraisal of what might have happened if Bonnie Prince Charlie had reached London and not turned back at Derby.

8.05 Fly on the Wall: Sailor. A repeat of the award-winning documentary, first shown in 1976, that shows what life was really like for the officers and men aboard the now-scrapped aircraft carrier, HMS Ark Royal. The series begins with the sailors in Devonport's red-light district drinking away their last few hours before the next tour of duty (r).

8.35 Geoffrey Smith's World of Flowers. The first of a new series of ten programmes, presented by Geoffrey Smith, which traces the origins of our more popular flowers. The series starts with lilies, a flower that was used in the past in religious ceremonies. Mr Smith visits a 350 acre area in Oregon which is being used for the development and production of countless new varieties of the species.

9.00 Pot Black 84. The second game of the tournament is between Willie Thorne of Leicester and Tony Knowles of Bolton.

9.25 Strangers and Lovers. Part one of a 13-episode drama based on novels by C P Snow. Set in 1927, the stories begin with Lewis Eliot starting a career at the bar and an infatuation with Sheila Knight (see Choice).

10.20 Newsnight. The latest world and domestic news plus an extended look at one of the main stories of the day.

11.05 The Twilight Zone: Mirror Image* starring Vera Miles and Martin Milner. A young woman thinks a trick is being played on her when her suitcase keeps moving around in a crowded bus station. But then she sees her double sitting in the waiting room. Directed by John Brahm. Ends at 11.35.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Television Scrabble. Round three of the television version of the popular board game. Yesterday's winners are challenged by Gloria Hunniford and her member-of-the-public partner. Alan Coren is the presenter.

5.30 Making the Most Of . . . introduced by Therese Birch. The second programme in the series designed to help those with extra leisure time. In this week's programme BBC weatherman Michael Fish talks about his passion for stamp collecting and shows part of his magnificent collection; Ashley Jackson continues with his watercolour painting class; Therese Birch tries flying a microlight; and there is an exploration of a Victorian rubbish tip (r).

6.00 The Abbott and Costello Show* Bud helps with the local amateur theatricals and when he arrives home with muscles aching Lou offers to give him a massage. Unfortunately he mixes up the witch-hazel with ether

6.30 Everyone a Special Kind of Artist. Programme two of the five-part series illustrating the work of different types of artist. Melindha Perham has been painting the history of Clovelly, a picturesque Devon fishing port, for the past six years on the pebbles she finds on the beach. The grey stones are first coated with white emulsion and then she roughs out the designs in pencil before applying acrylic paint. The programme is presented by Ken Sprague with music provided by Roaring Jelly.

7.00 Channel Four News.

7.50 Comment. The political spot returns after its seasonal break with the Conservative MP for Richmond and Barnes, Jeremy Hanley.

8.00 Brookside. All is not sweetness and light in the Close despite the newly-engaged couple, Alan and Samantha, blissfully going about planning their wedding. Marie and Sheila meet for the first time since their bitter argument; Paul Collins is in danger of losing his job; and Annabelle, whose depression has got the better of her, collapses at the doctor's.

8.30 Mireille Mathieu Special. The French singer has as her guests. American entertainer Dean Martin and Britain's Petula Clark.

9.00 The Devil's Lieutenant. Episode one of a two part dramatization of Maria Fagyas's powerful novel by Jack Rosenthal. Set in Vienna at the turn of the century, the story concerns an investigating officer and the man he suspects of poisoning an officer of the elite General Staff Corps (see Choice).

10.55 American Dance Machine. A tribute to modern musicals featuring Broadway star, Gwen Verdon.

12.00 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 Farming Today from the Oxford Farming Conference. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.

6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.

8.43 'The Pledge' by Friedrich Durrenmatt (3). The reader is Bernard Hepton. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves is in the chair. With Tim Brooke-Taylor.

10.00 News: Gardeners' Question Time visits Derbyshire.

10.30 Morning Story: 'My Hero' by Brian Glanville. Read by the author.

10.45 Daily Service†.

11.00 News; Travel; Baker's Dozen with Richard Baker†.

11.48 Near Myths (new series). Some oblique reflections on present-day life in the Greek islands by John Ebdon.

12.00 News; You and Yours.

12.27 The Magic Carpet. Last of a seven-part dramatization by David Beatty of the story of the R101 airship. The narrator is Conrad Phillips (r). 12.55 Weather; Programme News.

1.00 The World At One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.

2.00 News; Women's Hour. Today's items include an interview with the guest of the week – Jo Foley, who is editor of Woman magazine. She was recently elected Editors' Editor of the Year. There is also the eighth instalment of Over the Bridge.

3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Sam Shepherd's Shark, by Philip Barker. With Timothy Bateson and June Spencer. It is the story of a couple who once hooked a shark while deep-sea fishing off the Cornish coast. Eight years later, Sam is still trying to repeat his moment of glory. Eventually he is lucky – but he suffers something of a humiliation.

3.47 Time for Verse. Fleur Adcock selects poems about settlers.

4.00 News; Just After Four. Glenys Miles on studying fashion.

4.10 Agenda 84. Future world problems (2) The Argument of the Bullet (r).

4.40 Story Time: 'Diary of a Pilgrimage' by Jerome K Jerome (3). Read by Lance Percival.

5.00 News Magazine. 5.50 Sh[ipping] Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News; F[inancial] Report.

6.30 Funny Peculiar. With Jun[e] Whitfield, Martin Jarvis, E[...] Johnstone, Lance Parciv[al], Barbara Kelly and Alan M[...]

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Ray Gosling – In the Hous[e] . Angela Cadaxa, a comm[unity] worker with a big job in th[e] Southwick district of Sunderland.

7.45 Four Romantic Heroes. Ed[ward] Fairfax Rochester meets h[is] ward's governess in 'Jane [Eyre']. With Nigel Hawthorne and Joanna Dunham.

8.15 Children Singing. 'Pure An[gels...] Trebles' – first of two programmes examining th[e] differences between girls' [and] boys' voices, and Anglican [and] Catholic Church traditions†

8.45 Ambassadors of Commerc[e...] unofficial history of the commercial traveller. With [...] Thompson.

9.30 High Street Africa Revisited[.] Anthony Smith motorcycles [from] Cairo to Cape Town (Secon[d of] 12 talks) (r).

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Dame Flora Robson in conversation with Michael Billington about her [...] year career.

10.15 A Book At Bedtime: 'Ninete[en] Eighty-Four' by George Orw[ell] (8). Read by Kenneth Haigh.

10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 Financial World Tonigh[t]

11.30 Child of Joy. An appreciation [of the] song and verse of the Gloucester poet and compos[er] Ivor Gurney.

12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15 Close and Shipping Forecast[.] England VHF as above excep[t] 6.25-6.30 Weather; Travel. 1.5[...] 2.00pm Listening Corner. 5.5[...] 5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Study On 4: L'Italia dal Vivo.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Your Midweek Choice: part on[e] Rimsky-Korsakov's suite The Show Maiden; Mozart's Piano Concerto No 21 (with Jorg Demus, piano); and Shostakovich's Romance (The Gadfly).†

8.00 Newws.

8.05 Your Midweek Choice: part two Finzi's Five Bagatelles (Thea

8.55 Haydn and Schumann: part two of the Barbican concert. Schumann's Frauenliebe und leben.†

9.30 Montraldo: John Franklyn-Robbins reads the story by John Cheever.

9.45 Elliott Carter: the composer introduces the fourth of five programmes devoted to his work. With the London Sinfonietta, Lucia Meeuwsen (soprano), John Constable (harpsichord) and Ian Brown (piano). We hear the Eight Etudes and a Fantasy, for woodwind quartet; A Mirror on which to dwell, for soprano and instrumental ensemble. Interval reading at 10.35.

10.45 Elliot Carter: part two. The Double Concerto.†

11.15 News. Until 11.18.

Radio 2

5.00am Colin Berry† 7.30 Ray Moore† 10.00 Jimmy Young† 12.00pm Music While You Work with Carlos Romanos and his Orchestra† 12.30 Gloria Hunniford† 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.30 Ed Stewart† 3.2 Sports Desk. 4.00 David Hamilton† 4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn† incl. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 7.30 Romantic Strings with Jack Dorsey† 8.15 Listen To The Band with Charlie Chester† 9.00 The Organist Entertains with Nigel Ogden† 9.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 Funny You Should Ask. Quiz about comedy. 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Folk on 2† 2.00-5.00 Charles Nove presents You and the Night and the Music†

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm and then 12.00 midnight (mf/mw). 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Mike Smith, incl. 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, incl. 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel† VHF Radios 1 and 2 5.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Let There Be Drums. 7.45 Report on Religion. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Peebles' Choice. 8.30 Frank Muir Goes Into . . . 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Anything for a Laugh. 10.15 Rock Back the Clock. 10.30 A Closer Look. 10.50 Recording of the Week. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 A Sense of Place. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Personal Impact. 1.45 Edward Elgar: The Making of a Composer. 2.15 Report on Religion. 2.30 Frank Muir Goes Into . . . 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Monitor. 5.25 New Ideas. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 9.15 Short Story. 9.30 Jazz for the Asking. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 A Sense of Place. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Monitor. 12.45 Frank Muir Goes Into . . . 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Anna of the Five Towns. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 The Heath Lectures. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 London Concert Tradition. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Classical Record Review. 5.45 The World Today.

(All times in GMT)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC1 Wales: 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales Headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales Headlines. 5.53 Wales Today. 12.05am News and weather; Scotland: 12.55pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 5.53 Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 12.05am News and weather: Northern Ireland: 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 5.53 Scene Around Six. 12.05am News and weather; England: 5.53 Regional news magazines. 12.10am Close.

S4C Starts: 2.20pm Ffalabalam. 2.35 Interval. 2.50 Years Ahead. 3.30 Dick Van Dyke Show. 4.00 Take Six Cooks. 4.25 Television Scrabble. 4.55 Pictiwrs Bach. 5.00 Plas Y Dyn Plastig. 5.30 Munsters. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Bewitched. 7.00 Newydiddon Saith. 7.30 Y Filtir Sgwâr. 8.00 Gwraidd Y Gainc. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 9.00 Film: Optimists of Nine Elms (Peter Sellers). 10.55 Mireille Mathieu. 11.25 Lempard of Bali. 12.20am Closedown.

HTV As London except: 10.25am On Safari. 10.45 Space 1999. 11.35-12.00 Joe 90.* 12.30pm-1.00 Vintage Quiz. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

REGIONAL TELE[VISION VARIATIONS]

TYNE TEES As London except: 10.25am Stan and Ollie.* 10.50 Mysteries Myths and Legends. 11.10 That's Hollywood. 11.35 European Folk Tales. 11.45-12.00 Larry the Lamb. 1.20pm News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.15am Thank God That We Are. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 10.25am Nature of Things. 10.50 Insects that Help Us. 11.05 Greatest Adventure. 11.55-12.00 Mouse on Mars. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.15am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 10.25am Film Fun. 10.50-12.00 Film: The Great Van Robbery. 12.30pm-1.00 Crown Court. 1.20 News. 1.30 Three Little Words. 2.00-2.30 Take the High Road. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.15am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 10.25am Hands. 10.50 Space 1999. 11.40-12.00 Dasha. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Scene South West. 12.15am Postscript, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Day Ahead. 10.25 Professor Kitzel. 10.30 Adventures of Gulliver. 10.55 Unicorn Tales. 11.20 Cartoon. 11.30-12.00 3-2-1 Contact. 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Hobby Horse. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening, Ulster. 12.15am News. Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: Starts 12.00-12.10pm Flicks. 1.20 News. 5.15-5.45 Joe 90. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Mr Magoo. 12.15am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Farming Brief. 10.25 Flying Kiwi. 10.50 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. 11.40-12.00 Little Rascals. 12.30pm-1.00 Crown Court. 1.20 News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.35 Home Rules. 2.00-2.30 Miracles Take Longer. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.15am Company, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 10.25am-12.00 Film: Busman's Holiday (Robert Montgomery). 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30-2.00 Exchange Flags. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.20am Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

Entertainments

Hope for House Buyers Bill

By Julian Haviland
Political Editor

MPs of all parties are hoping that the Government will tomorrow offer concessions to meet backbench pressure for quick and far reaching reforms in the laws governing house purchase.

Negotiations on how best to simplify, speed and reduce the cost of purchase are to open tomorrow between the Government and the promoter of the House Buyers Bill, Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby.

A bargaining session has been arranged between Mr Mitchell, whose Bill was given a second reading in the Commons last month, and Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor-General, who failed narrowly to persuade MPs to kill the measure.

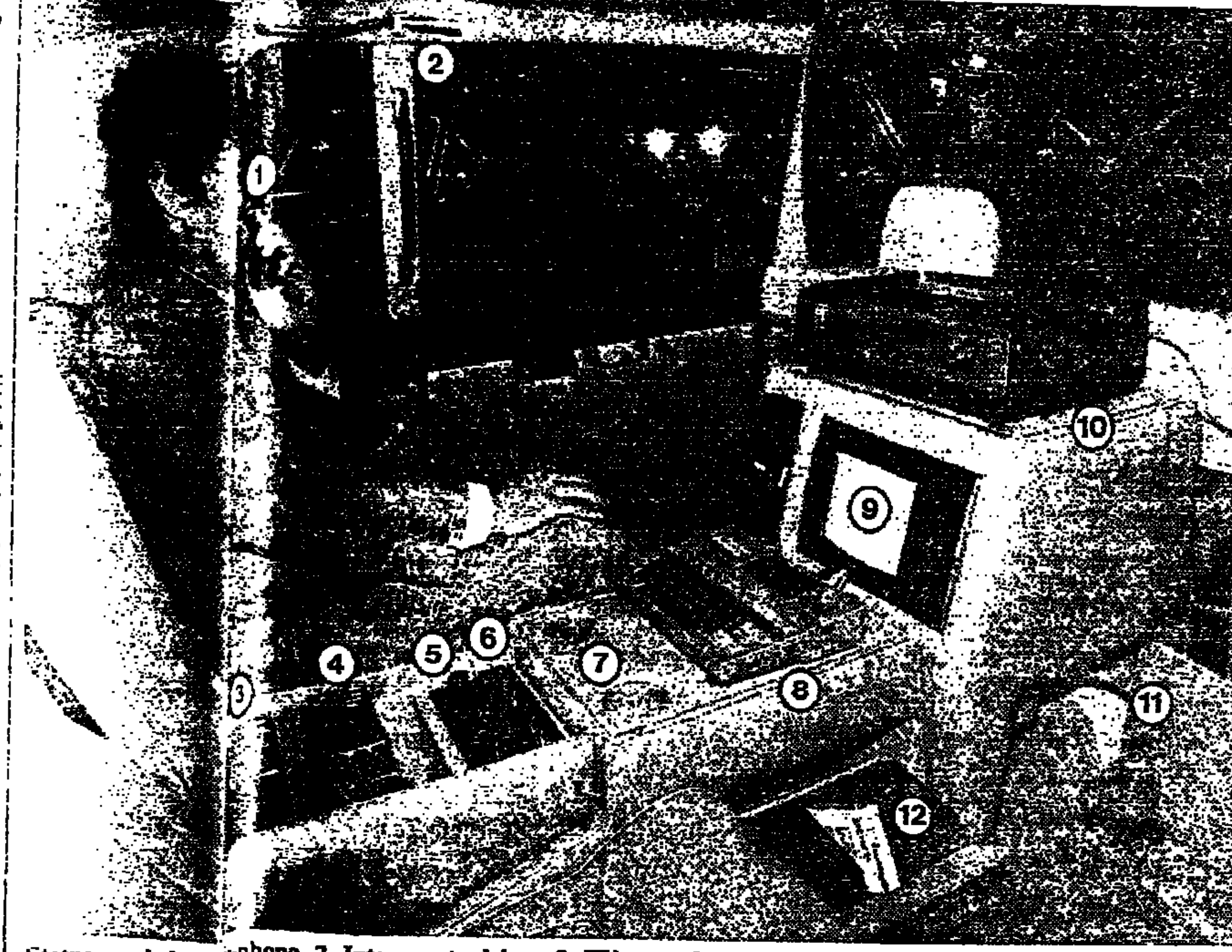
Sir Patrick told the Commons that the Government thought competition in conveyancing was beneficial, but that Mr Mitchell's Bill, as drafted, was unsafe. It would fail "beyond redemption" to give the purchaser proper protection, he said.

But the publication of Mr Mitchell's Bill, which has all-party sponsorship, pushed the Cabinet some way. Sir Patrick said the Government was ready to introduce its own legislation where necessary to extend the right of conveyancing to solicitors employed by building societies, banks and possibly, other bodies.

Sir Patrick resisted the widening of competition to allow non-lawyers to undertake conveyancing under licence, as Mr Mitchell proposed, but the Prime Minister said later that the Government was consulting about allowing non-lawyers to do conveyancing of registered land.

Mr Mitchell and his main Conservative supporter Mr Bowen Wells, hope that Sir Patrick will tomorrow go further and promise that the committee will be asked to report within a few months and that the Government will act on its recommendations.

Above all, Mr Mitchell and Mr Wells want the Government to speed reform by adopting, and, if need be, improving the Bill now before Parliament, however reluctant ministers may be to allow a Labour MP much of the credit. But their bargaining strength is limited.



Status symbols: 1, [...]phone. 2, Intercom to driver. 3, TV control. 4, Video recorder. 5, Radio-cassette. 6, Control panel (anti-bandit [...] computer printer control, audio/video controls). 7, Glass-holder. 8, Computer (Epsom Hx20). 9, TV monitor. 10, Co[...] printer. 11, Drinks cabinet. 12. Cassette storage. Below, the exterior. (Photographs: John Voos).

Directo[rs'] drea[m] at £50,0[00]

Top executives will [...] have to waste any [...] valuable time while t[...] their cars if Jaguar [...] have their way (wri[...] Cross). The Cover[...] firm yesterday un[...] £50.000 version of [...] known Daimler [...] which doubles as [...] computerized mobile [...]

Complete with faci[...] secretary, the rear [...] compartment is equi[...] a console containin[...] vision monitor, and [...] telephone and printer [...] the seats is a comp[...] processor with the [...] compartment enclos[...] vision controls, a vide[...] and a radio/cassette [...]

The computer/w[...] processor will enable a se[...] to take a letter and [...] it electronically over [...] telephone (being us[...] the picture by Mr Davi[...] the car designer). Altern[...] the radio telephone can [...] for linking one of the two microcomputers wit[...] main computer at comp[...] headquarters.

For privacy the rear compartment can be isolated by an electronically controlled glass division. Communication between the front and rear compartments in by intercom and the windows are operated electrically and locked centrally.

Other luxury features for rear passengers include armchair-style seats in buscuit leather and twin reading lamps, two occasional seats/footrests replace the normal folding rear compartment passenger seats. Special sections are provided to hold whisky or champagne glasses whch are kept with their decanters in special side cupboards.

The office Daimler will be built to customer order only and price will vary according to specifications. A fully equipped version with all the above features will cost just under £50.000 including car tax and VAT. This is about twice the price of the basic Daimler model.

At present Jaguar Cars are producing between four and five Daimlers a week with a workforce of about 50.

Since the 4.2 litre limousine was introduced 15 years ago, more than 3,330 have been built. The first office model took nine months to make.

Tory leader backs EEC dairy quotas

From John Young
Agriculture Correspondent
Oxford

Quotas were likely to be the only way of controlling the EEC's inexorably rising dairy surplus. Sir Henry Plumb, Conservative leader in the European Parliament and former president of the National Farmers' Union, told the Oxford Farming Conference yesterday.

Sir Henry said that five years ago he would have resisted quotas. They were blunt, interventionist instruments, did not boost sales, and left capacity idle.

But alternatives were less acceptable. Levies on excess production descriminated against efficiency and incentives to switch from dairying had proved costly and ineffective.

The apparently simple solution of reducing prices was likely to increase production, as farmers tried to maintain incomes. It was also politically impractical because it would jeopardize small family farms on the Continent.

However, Sir Henry said that quotas would work for grain, and he did not want them for pigs and poultry.

For cereals, the EEC had formulated production thresholds, above which the full price would no longer be guaranteed.

Tories line up against rate-capping

Continued from page 1

present standards of service. The council said: "Any cuts we make on top would take the plug out of the ship. We do not see why we should be punished for being efficient."

In a statement to yesterday's full council meeting, co-ordinating and finance committe chairman Mr William Dixon Smith said: "Patrick Jenkin himself, in a letter dated October 27, stated: 'I am glad that the consultants have confirmed that you are running a tight and efficient ship.'

"Essex does not overspend. Indeed the government grant related estimate assessment for Essex (the cost of providing a standard of service) is nearly £497m. Expenditure at that level would attract a grant penalty of £64.5 million."

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Letter from Moscow

Orwell recruited to the Soviet cause

The start of 1984 has highlighted a Soviet practice even Orwell did not think of – the use for propaganda purposes of a book which officially does not exist. Russians are not allowed to read *1984* – it has never been published in the Soviet Union, and foreign editions are confiscated by Customs – yet the Soviet press is now discussing the book in an attempt to turn the tables on the West.

To most Westerners it seems fairly obvious that *1984* is at least partly based on the Soviet Union. It is true that *1984* in 1948 inverted, and that Orwell's nightmare vision to some extent reflects the darker side of wartime Britain. It is also true that his warning applies to today's Western world, with computer memory *banks and lie detectors*.

But it was Stalin's Russia, where the secret police ruled through fear and citizens recited official slogans they knew to be nonsense, which provided the force and imagery of *1984*. The book draws heavily, as Orwell acknowledged, on the work of the Russian writer Yevgeny Zamyatin, whose futurist fantasy, *We*, was published in the 1920s. Bernstein, Orwell's Enemy Number One, who provides Big Brother with the excuse for rigid internal discipline, is unmistakably Trotsky, whose real name was Bronstein. Regimented rallies, sexual repression, Newspeak and monolithic conformity are all instantly recognizable to those few Russians who manage to get hold of the book.

Hints that the Soviet authorities were planning to meet the dilemma posed by *1984* head on came last year, when *Literary Gazette* published an article suggesting the novel was really applicable to the West.

Discussion of banned books poses problems for Soviet newspapers and journals: for one thing the writer has to give readers some idea of the content, which in turn carries the risk that the reader might draw his own conclusions. It is also possible that readers, instead of simply swallowing the propaganda line wholesale, will become fascinated by the vicarious taste of forbidden fruit.

The latest publication to take the bull by the horns is *Novoye Vremya* (New Times), which in its most recent issue told readers that Orwell's "sensational" novel was really a prediction of a militaristic Western world ruled by a megalomaniac, called Ronald Reagan. "For B.B. (Big Brother) read R.R. (Ronald Reagan)", the weekly suggests.

"Politologists" and "Orwellologists" have been poring over globes ever since *1984* was published, the journal adds, and have been "jabbing fingers at our country, asking: is the great chiromancist's mediction' being fulfilled in Russia or not?." But readers of *1984* have been "jabbing at the wrong spot" all this time.

Orwell, it seems, saw through the "falsehoods of bourgeois democracy," and anti-communists have been vainly trying for years to "fit the tight suit of totalitarianism cut by Orwell on to the body of real socialism, when in fact it is exactly the right size for capitalism."

Poor Orwell apparently only had "the vaguest notion" or communism (so much for *Animal Farm* and four volumes of collected journalism), and therefore failed to become a convinced adherent of the Soviet system, *Novoye Vremya* said.

But he rightly saw that capitalism "vaporized the individual", extinguishes thought, demands continuous war and supresses knowledge of other philosophies. "Big Brothere had a super aim: to hold back the march of history," it commented. "Reagan has a grander aim: to stop history altogether by pressing a button."

The Soviet interpretation has spread to Eastern Europe, where an East German professor last week said that despite his "petty-bourgeois limitations" Orwell had correctly diagnosed the ills of imperialism.

In the Soviet block at least it looks as if discussion of *1984* will last beyond this year, even at the risk that Soviet block citizens might recognize a system in which individuals are routinely humiliated by officialdom, love for the national leader is obligatory, indigestible jargon is endlessly repeated and heretical ideas are ruthlessly suppressed.

Richard Owen

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen visits the Dersingham Youth and Community Centre, Dersingham, Norfolk, 11.30.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother attends a reception given by the King's Lynn Preservation Trust at Thoresby College, King's Lynn, 6.30.

New exhibitions

Turner watercolours – The Vaughan Bequest: National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Princes Street, Edinburgh: Mon to to 5. Sun 2 to 5 (until Jan [...]).

Flesh and Stone: C[...]eum and Art Gallery, B[...]reet, Hanley, Stoke-on Trent [...] Sat 10.30 to 5, Wed 10.30 t[...] Feb 4).

The naked and th[...] by David Holmes; City M[...] and Art Gallery, Priestg[...] Peterborough. Tues to Sat [...] (until Feb 4).

Ten Twentieth centu[...]es: a touring exhibition fr[...] Arts Council of Great Br[...] also a small display to mar[...] 150th anniversary of the Roy[...]ute of British Architects: Guildford House Gallery, 155 High Street, Guildford, Surrey: Mon to Sat 10.30 to 4.50 (until Jan 28).

New London exhibitions

Mulheimer Freiheir: the second bombing: works by six Cologne artists: Institute of Contemporary Arts, Nash House, The Mail, SW1; Tues to Sun 12 to 9, (until Feb 12)

A Nice Clean Game, and The Song of Songs: paintings and etchings, by Diz Harfor; New South Wales House Gallery, 66 The Strand, WC2, Mon to Fri 9 to 4, (until Feb 16).

Works by Keith Grant: Browse and Darby, 19 Cork Street, W1; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30 Sat 10.30 to 1 (until Feb 4).

Paintings by Karen Lamb; The Talent Store gallery, 11 Ecclestone Street, SW1 Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30 (until Jan 23).

Paintings and drawings by Anne Urquhart, Chalk Farm Gallery, Chalk Farm Road, NW1, Tues to Sun 10 to 5.30 (Until Feb 5).

Music

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, with Jin Li, (violin), Plymouth, 7.30.

Concert by the Halle Orchestra, Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester, 7.30.

Concert by the Belfast Baroque Consort, St Patrick's Church, Jordanstown, 8.

Concert by an ensemble of hornes, voices and harp from the Opera North, City Art Gallery, The Headrow, Leeds, 1.05.

Concert by the Scottish National Orchestra, Caird Hall, Dundee, 7.30.

Talks, lectures in London

Greek and Roman athletics, 11.30, and Etruscan tombs and cemeteries, 1.15, both by Anne Pearson, The British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1.

Introduction to manuscript illumination, 12: and English Book Painting, 2, both by Penelope K Wallis, The British Library, Great Russell Street, WC1.

Reg Butler and the Geometry of Fear, by Simon Wilson, The Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1, 1.

Four centuries of British ceramics: Techniques and materials, by Gillian Darby, Victoria and Albert Museum, SW7, 1.15.

Women in eighteenth century French Art, by Frances Borzello, Lower Floor Theatre, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2, 1.

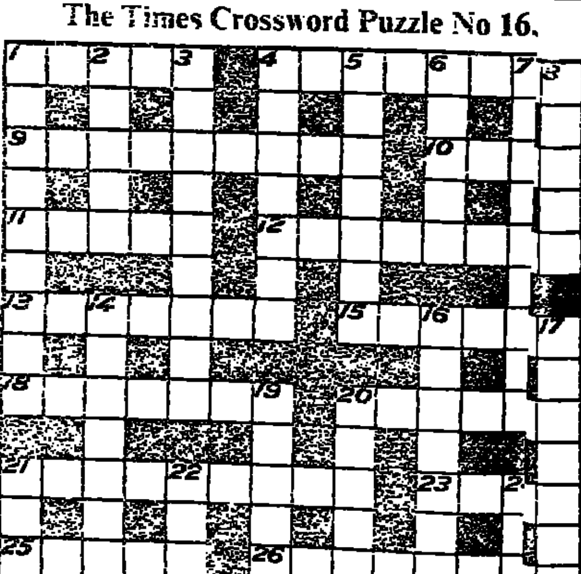
The Media gets the message, by Peter Fiddick, Dunamis at St James's, Piccadilly, W1, 6.30.

Anniversaries

Births: **Alexander Hamilton**, American statesman, Nevis, West Indies, 1755; **Sir John A. Macdonald**, first prime minister of Canada, 1867-73, 1878-91, Glasgow, 1815; **George Nathaniel, first Marquess Curzon of Kedleston**, viceroy of India, 1898-1905, Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, 1859; **Harry Gordon Selfridge**, founder of the store of that name, Ripon, Wisconsin, 1858.

Deaths: **Sir Hans Sloane**, physician and naturalist whose collection formed the basis of the British Museum, London 1753; **Louis François Roubiliac**, sculptor, London, 1762; **Domenico Cimarosa**, composer, Venice, 1801; **Friedrich Schegel**, writer, Dresden, 1829; **Georges Eugène Haussmann**, planned rebuilding of Paris, 1853-70, Paris, 1891; **Thomas Hardy**, Dorchester, 1928.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,



ACROSS

1 Cheek potato reject (5).
4 Passengers not allowed on this platform (9).
9 Rise a landowner may not deserve (9).
10 Fine? Undo nurse! (5).
11 Decorations, we hear for dinner (5).
12 Chipper cheat (9).
13 Undiminished, and breathing not suspended (7).
15 Rider locking wild (7).
18 Our man abroad has a new ship, maybe (7).
20 Moral instruction carrying little weight in practice (7).
21 Water-points the defence people are in charge of intermittently (9).
23 Wood spirit for an old reveller (5).
25 Parcel out 39 books (5).
26 Badly in need of a cigarette, perhaps? What a poor state! (9).
27 She is left holding the baby (9).
28 Group who can't play tennis, apparently (5).

DOWN

1 This sounds like a challenge to sovereignty, waiting for the downfall (4-5).
2 How can you bring it home when no taxi turns up? (5).
3 The right places to find this Greek railing (9).
4 Has wool coat taken to the cleaners (7).
5 East German ha[...]nty of money but he can't [...]
6 Adhesive tapes in a[...]le (5).
7 Higher court t[...] doctor's advice, we hear (9).
8 Deviation causin[...]r panic (5).
14 [...] was the nag [...]mptown races (9).
16 It gives injections [...]ase stiff joints (6-3).
17 A cleaner heron [...] in the hollow (9).
19 This language say[...]hy crazy Sid hid (7).
20 Smug bounder or s[...]er (7).
21 Abuse as hurled by[...]er (7).
22 Paid to run the [...]id (5).
[...]e underground (5).
24 The sticking-out [...] to fasten onto (5).

Solution of Puzzle 16,331

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 8

New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Cockcroft and the Atom, by Guy Hartcup and T. E. Allibone (Adam Hilger, Bristol, £18.95)
Inside Local Government, A case for radical reform, by Alex Henney (Sinclair Browne, £12.95)
Islam and Christianity Today, by W. Montgomery Watt (Rouledge and Kegan Paul, £8.95)
Red Robert, A life of Robert Birley, by Arthur Hearnden (Hamish Hamilton, £9.95)
Seeds of decadence in the late Nineteenth-Century Novel, by Suzanne Nalbantian (Macmillan, £10)
Sister Age, By M. F. K. Fisher (Chatto and Windus, £8.95)
Studies in Modern American Autobiography, by Gordon O. Taylor (Macmillan, £20)
Taking it like a Woman, by Ann Oakley (Cape, £7.95)
The Fire of Liberty, by Esmond Wright (Hamish Hamilton, £9.95)
The Nuclear Delusion, Soviet-American relations in the Atomic Age, by George F. Kennan (Hamish Hamilton, £12.50) PH

Roads

Midlands: A53: Temporary signals on St John's Road, Buxton, Derbyshire. **A61:** Temporary signals at Whittington Moor, Chesterfield, Derbyshire. **A34:** Contraflow system in operation at Stongford, between Stone and Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire.

Wales and West: A38: Traffic restrictions at West Street, Bedminster, *Bristol. M4: Lane closures* at junction 32 (Cardiff) and junction 34 (Llantrisant). **A470:** Lane closures at Glynntaff, Mid Glamorgan, betwen Cardiff and Brecon. Temporary traffic signals at Cefn-Coed y-Cymmer.

North: Liverpool: Queensway Tunnel closed nightly; all traffic is being diverted via the Liverpool-Wallasey tunnel between 9.15pm and 5.45am. **A575:** Major sewer scheme at Egerton Street, Farnworth, Greater Manchester; diversions. **A1(M):** Painting work at Peareth Hall, Washington, Tyne and Wear; lane closures.

Scotland: A84: Bus layby construction at Laurencecroft, Stirling; intermittent traffic control. **A9:** Kerbing work at Causewayhead Road, Stirling; intermittent traffic control. **A82:** Road realignment south of Drumnadrochit, Inverness-shire. **A7:** Road reconstruction south of Selkirk, Selkirkshire; single lane traffic with temporary traffic lights.

Information supplied by the AA.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.61	1.52
Austria Sch	29.05	27.45
Belgium Fr	84.50	80.50
Canada $	1.81	1.74
Denmark Kr	14.85	14.15
Finland Mkk	8.70	8.30
France Fr	12.42	11.92
Germany DM	4.10	3.91
Greece Dr	166.00	156.00
Hongkong $	11.20	10.60
Italy Lira	2480.00	2360.00
Japan Yen	342.00	324.00
Netherlands Gld	4.61	4.38
Norway Kr	11.58	10.98
Portugal Esc	198.00	187.00
South Africa Rd	1.92	1.79
Spain Pta	232.00	222.00
Sweden Kr	11.95	11.35
Switzerland Fr	3.27	3.10
USA $	1.44	1.39
Yugoslavia Dnr	217.00	206.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 341.9.

London: the *FT* Index closed down 3.2 at 796.8.

The papers

"If Aladdin were alive today, his cave would probably be a solicitor's office and his partner Sir David Napley", says the **Daily Mirror**, commenting on the £32,131 cost to West Yorkshire County Council, which had to pay for the inquest on Helen Smith, the nurse who died in Saudi Arabia, of Sir David's services. Sir David was solicitor for *Dr Richard Arnot*, at whose party Nurse Smith met her death.

"Sir David's bill gives vivid new meaning to the phrase about sparing no expense," says the paper, which itemizes the bill, under the headline, "Nice work".

The **Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung** yesterday commented that while the British Government can point to successes of its economic policy, the British public is not impressed.

"The prophecy will probably be fulfilled that Britain will challenge Thatcher's leadership as soon as she has led the country out of the woods. The Conservatives' loss of popularity probably has a good deal to do with fashionable trends, Fleet Street speculation, political boredom after the election fever. But also an abundance of mistakes, a lack of ideas and a tendency towards nervous self-observation cannot be ignored," the paper said.

The military coup in Nigeria yesterday came in for criticism in the East African press this week.

The **Weekly Review** of Nairobi asked: "... Is Africa to be subjected to an endless series of short-lived experiments in democracy because Africa's men in uniform lack the patience to put up with the pains that inevitably accompany the growth of democratic institutions?

"Democracy in Africa is like a baby who is learning to walk. It makes no sense whatsoever to chop a baby's head off because the baby is incapable of running or doing other things expected of an adult".

The **Daily Nation** said Nigeria's new leader, Major General Mohammed Buhari and his colleagues cited Nigeria's endemic corruption and mismanagement of public funds to justify their ousting of President Shagari. "Yet corruption did not begin with Shagari's region."

"True, Shagari and his team failed to come to grips with the problem. But they tried, and they knew that their continued failure was raising public ire. They knew, too, that unless they succeeded in curbing corruption they could be thrown out by the electorate during elections.

"The military rulers don't face those problems."

Weather forecast

A deep depression will remain slow moving to the N of Iceland with a strong W to SW airflow over the British Isles.

6am to midnight

London, SE, E, SW, central S and N England, East Anglia, Midlands, S Wales, Channel Islands: Cloudy, rain at times, becoming brighter with showers spreading from W, SW, moderate veering W, stong; max temp 8C to 10C (46 to 50F).

N Wales, NE, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Border, Edinburgh and Dundee: Occasional rain, sunny intervals and showers developing; wind SW, veering W, fresh to strong; max temp 7C to 9C (45 to 48F).

Aberdeen, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, SW, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals, showers, prolonged at times: winds SW veering NW, strong: max temp 6C to 8C (43 to 46F), becoming colder during day.

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Unsettled, with showers or longer periods of rain: windy and rather cold generally but milder on Friday.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind S, strong, perhaps gale later; sea rough, becoming very rough. **English Channel (E):** Wind S, strong or gale, perhaps severe gale later; sea very rough. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind SW, fresh increasing gale or severe gale; sea moderate, becoming very rough.

Sun rises: 8.03 am — Sun sets: 4.14 pm
Moon rises: 11.43 am — Moon sets: 1.04 pm
First Qaurter: 9.48 am.

Lighting-up time

London 4.44 pm to 7.33 am
Bristol 4.54 pm to 7.42 am
Edinburgh 4.33 pm to 8.8 am
Manchester 4.43 pm to 7.50 am
Penzance 5.12 pm to 7.48 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud, f, fair; r, rain, s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	9	48	Guernsey	c	9	48
Birmingham	c	10	50	Inverness	s	10	50
Blackpool	c	8	50	Jersey	c	10	50
Bristol	c	11	52	London	f	9	43
Cardiff	c	9	48	Manchester	c	10	50
Edinburgh	c	10	50	Newcastle	f	10	50
Glasgow	r	9	48	Ronaldsway	s	9	48

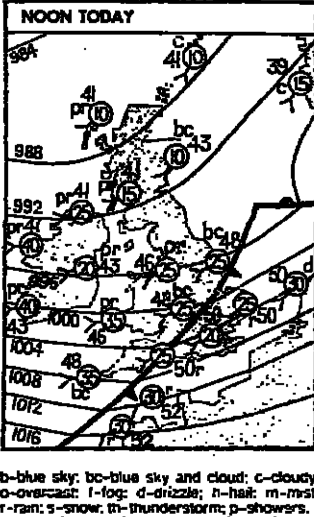
Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Kinloss 12C (54F); lowest day max: Cromer 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Morecambe 0.37 in; highest sunshine: Kinloss 0.9 hr.

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 90 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, a trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1019.6 millibars, falling.
1000 millibars = 29.53 in.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)



b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.27	6.0	7.12	5.9
Aberdeen	6.46	3.4	6.38	3.5
Avonmouth	11.53	10.5		
Belfast	4.17	2.9	4.28	0.0
Cardiff	11.38	9.8	11.57	9.4
Devonport	10.14	4.6	10.51	4.4
Dover	3.53	5.8	4.30	5.3
Falmouth	9.44	4.4	10.21	4.2
Glasgow	5.38	4.3	5.57	4.2
Harwich	4.26	3.5	5.60	3.3
Holyhead	3.22	4.4	3.39	4.6
Hull	11.25	5.8	11.39	5.1
Ilfracombe	10.54	7.2	11.16	6.9
Leith	7.54	4.4	8.03	4.6
Liverpool	3.59	7.5	4.24	[illegible]
Lowestoft	1.47	2.2	3.25	2.0
Margate	4.41	4.1	5.23	4.0
Milford Haven	11.18	5.6	11.42	5.2
Newquay	10.16	5.6	10.41	5.3
Oban	11.16	3.2	11.04	3.0
Penzance	9.27	4.6	10.05	4.4
Portland	11.10	1.6	11.50	1.4
Portsmouth	4.23	4.0	4.34	3.7
Shoreham	3.52	5.1	4.16	4.9
Southampton	3.59	3.8	4.11	3.7
Swansea	11.19	7.6	11.42	7.3
Tees	9.07	4.2	9.07	4.5
Walton-on-Naze	4.20	3.5	5.06	3.4

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	–	.01	10	50	dull
Bridlington	–	.02	9	48	showers pm
Cromer	–	.02	8	46	drizzle
Lowestoft	–	–	9	48	overcast
Clacton	–	.02	8	46	drizzle
Margate	–	–	9	48	cloudy
Folkestone	–	.02	9	48	drizzle
Hastings	–	.09	9	48	drizzle
Eastbourne	–	.12	10	50	rain
Brighton	–	.06	9	48	rain
Worthing	–	.02	9	48	drizzle
Littlehmptn	–	.05	9	48	rain
Bognor R	–	.03	9	48	drizzle
Southsea	–	–	10	50	drizzle
Shanklin	–	.04	10	50	drizzle
Bournemth	–	.01	11	52	drizzle
Poole	–	–	11	25	drizzle pm
Swanage	–	.02	11	52	drizzle
Weymouth	–	–	10	50	drizzle
Exmouth	–	–	11	52	cloudy
Torquay	–	–	11	52	drizzle
Falmouth	–	.10	11	52	drizzle

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Penzance	–	.07	11	52	drizzle
Jersey	0.3	–	10	50	cloudy
Guernsey	–	–	10	50	cloudy
Scilly Isles	0.0	.02	11	52	fog am
Newquay	–	–	11	52	cloudy
Ilfracombe	–	.22	11	52	cloudy
Tenby	–	.23	10	50	drizzle
Southport	–	–	–	–	–
Morecambe	–	.37	9	48	rain
Douglas	–	.15	9	48	rain
London (Ctrl)	–	–	11	52	drizzle
B'ham (Airpt)	–	–	11	52	cloud
Bristol (Ctrl)	–	.02	11	52	drizzle
Cardiff (Ctrl)	–	–	10	50	drizzle
Anglesey	–	.26	10	50	rain
B'pool (Airpt)	–	.12	9	48	rain
Manchester	–	–	11	52	rain pm
Nottingham	0.0	–	10	50	cloudy
N'cstl-o-Tyne	0.0	–	11	52	bright pm
Carlisle	0.1	.03	10	50	rain
Prestwick	–	.13	11	52	rain
Glasgow	–	.10	10	50	drizzle

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud, d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F
Ajaccio	s	11	52
Akrotiri	s	18	64
Alexandria			
Algiers	f	11	52
Amsterdam	dr	4	39
Athens	f	16	61
Bahrain			
Barbados			
Barcelona	s	8	46
Beirut	f	18	64
Belgrade	c	1	34
Berlin	c	0	32
Bermuda*	s	21	70
Biarritz	fg	0	32
Boulogne	r	6	43
Bordeaux	fg	-1	30
Brussels	c	4	39
Budapest			
Buen Aires*			
Cairo	c	18	64
Cape Tn	c	24	75
C'blanca	f	14	57
Chicago*	sn	-4	25
Cologne	s	5	41
Copenhgn	f	-1	30
Corfu	c	16	61
Dallas*	r	9	48
Dublin	c	11	52
Dubrovnik*	r	11	52
Faro	s	11	52
Florence*	r	6	43
Frankfurt	f	3	37
Funchal	c	16	61
Geneva	s	3	37
Gibraltar	f	13	55
Helsinki	sn	-17	01
Hongkong	s	19	66
Innsbruck	sn	-1	30
Istanbul	f	13	55
Jiddah	s	26	79
Jo'burg	f	25	77
Karachi	f	20	68
Las Palmas	c	18	64
Lisbon	s	7	45
Locarno	s	6	43
L Angeles			
Luxembg	c	-1	30
Madrid	s	4	39

		C	F
Majorca	s	10	50
Malaga	s	10	50
Malta*	f	17	63
Melbourne			
Mexico C	s	22	82
Miami*	f	25	77
Milan			
Montreal*	s	-14	07
Moscow	sn	-2	28
Munich	f	0	32
Nairobi	f	25	77
Naples*	r	10	50
New Delhi	s	15	59
New York*	s	1	34
Nice	s	10	50
Oslo	c	-2	28
Ottawa			
Paris	s	5	41
Peking	s	5	41
Perth	s	37	97
Prague	s	-2	28
Reykjavik	sn	-5	23
Rhodes	f	17	63
Riyadh	f	19	66
Rio de Jan*	s	28	82
Rome	r	5	41
Salzburg	sn	-1	30
Sao Paulo			
S Francisco*	c	8	45
Santiago			
Seoul	s	3	37
Singapore	r	25	[illegible]
Stockholm	f	-9	16
Strasbourg	c	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sydney	s	24	75
Tangier	f	13	55
Tel Aviv	f	17	63
Tenerife	c	18	64
Tokyo	s	11	52
Toronto*	f	-12	10
Tunis	c	11	52
Valencia	c	10	50
Vancouver*	r	[illegible]	[illegible]
Venice	s	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	sn	1	[illegible]
Warsaw		1	[illegible]
Washington*	f	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	c	1	34

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available